

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th anniversary of a true California icon—the Hollywood Sign in the hills of Hollywood, California.

First erected in 1923, the Hollywood Sign originally read “Hollywoodland” to advertise the new housing developments that surrounded the Hollywood Hills. In 1949, the sign was changed to simply “Hollywood,” and since then has become a symbol of the vibrant Hollywood movie industry, a beacon attracting talent and tourists to come to Los Angeles from all over the world, and a national treasure.

In 1973, the Hollywood sign was declared a historical and cultural monument of Los Angeles. Thus, the Hollywood Sign Trust was established to protect the icon. Throughout the years, the Hollywood Sign Trust has become an avid supporter of cultural events in and around Hollywood. The Trust’s current mission is to repair, maintain, refurbish, and provide improvements to the Hollywood Sign.

Over the years, the Hollywood Sign has attracted not only those who dream of a career in film and television, but also visitors from every corner of the world. As a symbol of hope, adventure and a bit of glamour, the Hollywood Sign stretches vibrantly across Mount Lee, visible throughout Los Angeles.

I am proud to recognize the Hollywood Sign upon its 90th Anniversary, and I ask all Members to join me today in honoring this historic monument.

### RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 175th anniversary of St. Patrick’s Church, the oldest Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois.

St. Patrick’s Church dates back to 1838 with the arrival of Reverend John Francis Plunkett, an Irish immigrant who was assigned to provide spiritual needs to the construction workers of the Illinois & Michigan Canal project. As a result of the canal project, many immigrant families migrated to the area and as the community grew, St. Patrick’s Church was born.

Throughout the next 175 years and seventeen pastors, St. Patrick’s Church thrived and

experienced many changes. For the first 81 years of its existence, it was located on Broadway Street, where the current Victory Center now stands. In 1919, it moved to its current location on West Marion Street.

Today, the dedicated parishioners of St. Patrick’s Church continue to extend their commitment to service for their community and beyond. Whether it be from the \$25,000 in aid they were able to distribute to unfortunate families who sought help with bill payments to their impressive Food Pantry program which serves more than 300 families a month, the parishioners of St. Patrick’s Church truly embody the spirit of selfless service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing St. Patrick’s Church on the occasion of their 175th anniversary and I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the community.

### TRIBUTE TO THE DEMPSEY FAMILY

**HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the birth of Ezekiel Dempsey in the state of North Carolina in the 1800’s began the Dempsey family lineage which has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Dempsey Family has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Dempsey Family are pillars of strength that have touched many throughout our nation, family members of the past and present such as Rev. Tom Dempsey, Stephen Dempsey, William Dempsey, James Dempsey and Sarah Dempsey; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Dempsey family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Dempsey family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year’s family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Dempsey family;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 8, 2012, as Dempsey Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 8th day of June, 2012.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF MAY SONG VANG PAO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of May Song Vang Pao, who passed away on August 5, 2013 at the age of 62. Mrs. Gen. Vang Pao was constantly filled with optimism and drive despite her nearly eight year battle with cancer. Although faced with increasingly insurmountable odds, Mrs. Gen. Vang Pao continued to battle the disease to help maintain the legacy of her late husband, General Vang Pao.

May Song was born in Laos on February 5, 1951 to Nhia Chou Moua and Yee Lee. Receiving an education was very important to May even though it went against her father’s beliefs and the gender roles at the time. She became a nurse and focused most of her attention on caring for the disabled. May’s decision to receive an education was the beginning of her lifelong message that it is important for both men and women to be educated.

In 1973, she married General Vang Pao, who was the only ethnic Hmong general in the Royal Lao Army. This achievement earned him worldwide recognition. After aiding the United States forces in the Vietnam War, Mr. and Mrs. General Vang Pao as well as many other Hmong refugees resettled in the United States. Eventually settling in California’s Central Valley, Mr. and Mrs. General Vang Pao continued their roles as leaders in the Hmong community.

Mrs. Gen. Vang Pao was instrumental in helping refugees settle into their new American lives. She inspired many young men and women to strive for greatness and brought the Hmong community together under her benevolent leadership. Mrs. Gen. Vang Pao will remain an inspiration to those in both the American and Asian Hmong communities.

After the passing of General Vang Pao in January 2011, Mrs. Gen. Vang Pao remained strong and unified the entire Hmong community. She helped the community recover from the loss of their mentor and hero. In 2012, she founded the General Vang Pao Foundation in Fresno which aims to help and support disadvantaged Hmong families.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of May Song Vang Pao. She will always be remembered as an influential member of our very important Hmong community.

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IN HONOR OF DR. EDDIE T.  
LINDSEY, JR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I pay tribute to a terrific educator and outstanding citizen of Columbus, Georgia, Dr. Eddie T. Lindsey, Jr. Dr. Lindsey passed away on Monday, August 12, 2013. A Homegoing Celebration was held on Friday, August 16, 2013 at 12:00 pm at the First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Born on January 24, 1932, Dr. Eddie Lindsey grew up in Columbus, Georgia. He was a graduate of Spencer High School, and went on to attend Savannah State University where he found his passion for education. Upon graduating, he began his teaching career first at Carver High School and then taught at his Alma Mater, Spencer High School. From 1964–1966, he served as Assistant Principal of Carver Elementary School before serving as Principal of Marshall Junior High School for one year. Then in 1967, he was named Principal of Spencer High School, where he served for eight more years.

In 1975, Dr. Lindsey made history as the first African-American assistant superintendent in Muscogee County when he was named the Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Procedures for the Muscogee County School District. In 1980, he became the Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Student Services, where he served for over 20 years until his retirement on June 30, 1991.

Dr. Lindsey's impact stretched far beyond his immediate students, however, as he was also the first African-American teacher to get a six-year certificate, and the first African American to serve on the Muscogee County School Board, blazing a trail for many other Black teachers and administrators. He created and published the school district's first policy booklet and student behavior code, a manual that is still being used today.

Dr. Lindsey's commitment to education was reflected in his own academic achievements, as he continued to pursue a higher level of education, receiving a Master's Degree from Atlanta University and a Doctorate of Education from Auburn University in 1978.

A love for education surrounded Dr. Lindsey outside of the classroom as well. His wife of 57 years, Constance, is a retired educator of the Muscogee County School District. His two sons also followed in his footsteps; his oldest son, Eddie, is Coordinator of Edgewood Alternative School, and his youngest son, Christopher, is Principal of G.W. Carver High School.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Dr. Eddie Lindsey passed this way and during his life's journey did so much for so many for so long. He leaves behind a great legacy in education to the thousands of students, teachers, and administrators whose lives he touched and brightened.

On a personal note, Dr. Eddie Lindsey was a close personal friend of mine and one of the

first educators I met when I first came to Columbus in 1972. I have truly been blessed by his friendship, counsel and inspiration throughout the years.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 700,000 people of the Second Congressional District salute Dr. Lindsey for his outstanding achievements, service, and public distinction. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Dr. Lindsey's family, friends and the Columbus, Georgia community during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

#### TRIBUTE TO JACK O'NEILL

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Burbank, California resident and hometown hero Jack O'Neill.

Mr. O'Neill started his career at the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) in New York in January of 1967. He rose through the ranks starting as an entry-level cost coordinator and in 2005 retired as NBC's Vice President of Facilities and Corporate Sourcing. His tireless work ethic, charisma, and commitment to the community led him to become the face of NBC in Burbank.

In 1977, Mr. O'Neill transferred from NBC's New York office to KNBC's facility in Burbank, California. In the late 1980's when the City of Burbank initiated its Media District Specific Plan and NBC proposed the NBC Plaza, Mr. O'Neill attended countless meetings with residents, the City Council, and Planning Board answering the difficult questions and creating positive dialogue in the city. Mr. O'Neill was instrumental in keeping NBC in Burbank and saved countless jobs in the Los Angeles region.

After Mr. O'Neill's retirement from NBC, he became Chief Operating Officer of the Bob Hope Family Estate in 2006, where he supervised the family's expansive real estate portfolio and advised the Hope Family businesses throughout the world. Currently, Mr. O'Neill serves as a Principal at the O'Neill Group, a real estate and business consulting firm.

Always willing to serve the community, Mr. O'Neill has volunteered and served as emcee or host at various fundraisers for groups like the Boys and Girls Club of Burbank, Burbank Unified School District, Burbank Temporary Aid Center, Burbank Public Library, and Burbank Sunrise Rotary.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring Jack O'Neill for his exemplary service to the Burbank community.

HONORING MRS. MARY EDITH  
BROWN COLEMAN

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincere respect that I con-

gratulate Mrs. Mary Edith Brown Coleman as she is recognized by First Church of God in Gary, Indiana, for 73 years of continuous service to the church. Edith will be recognized for her lifetime of dedicated service on September 22, 2013 at First Church of God.

Edith Brown was born on February 13, 1917 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was one of four children born to Luther Albert Brown and Dora Rozolia Draper Brown. Having gone on to live in Kansas City, Kansas, and Chicago, Illinois, Edith finally relocated to Gary, Indiana, in 1940. Quite the accomplished student, Edith completed her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in education at Indiana University in Bloomington. From there, she decided to go into the teaching profession. As a teacher at Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Gary for over 27 years, Edith was able to enrich the lives of so many young people in the Gary community. For her commitment to the youth of Northwest Indiana, she is worthy of the highest praise.

Equally impressive, Edith has always been seen as the foundation of her family. She and her husband, the late William Henry Coleman, were blessed with the births of two wonderful children: Norma Louise Coleman and the late Merle Jean Coleman. Edith's family, as well as the many people whose lives she has touched, admire her for devoting unselfish love, time, dedication, guidance, and spirit to her family, her students, her church, and her community.

As well as being dearly loved and respected by her family, her students, and her community, Edith is also well known for her involvement with her church, First Church of God. Over the course of seventy-three years, Edith has taught Sunday School, been the director of the Daily Vacation Bible School, held memberships in the local and national Missionary Societies, sung in the church choir, created beautiful and meaningful bulletin board displays, served as a deaconess, and taught a manners class for young children.

For years, Edith has also been a distinguished member of the American Association of University Women, the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, the Red Hat Society, and the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Since her arrival in Northwest Indiana, Edith has been known as a good-hearted woman who is always willing to help the people of her church and her community. For her selflessness, she is to be commended and admired.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Edith Brown Coleman has given her time and efforts selflessly to her church and the community in Northwest Indiana throughout her illustrious life. She has taught every member of her family and extended family the true meaning of service to others. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Edith for her lifetime of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNITED WAY  
OF DENTON COUNTY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the United Way of Denton County and

its 62 years of service. The mission of the United Way of Denton County is to improve lives in Denton County by mobilizing community resources to address the critical issues of education, income, and health in people's everyday lives. The organization's hard work has taken on many challenges from the 90,000 individuals that don't know where their next meal will come from to the high rate of high school dropouts to the more than 8,000 children under the age of 5 that live in poverty.

United Way has built programs to tackle these problems, and it has made a significant difference in the lives of many people in Denton County. They have mobilized volunteers to mentor children, provided effective training for parents and caregivers, and assisted in supplying critical needs, such as food, clothing, and school supplies. Over the past year, through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, 612 Federal Tax returns have been prepared, free of charge, for low income Denton County households. Their work returned over \$1 million to the community and saved families \$137,000 in tax preparation fees. In one day alone, the organization's food bank collected more than 40,000 pounds of food donations. They have also rallied community based and faith based organizations to work together to implement Bank On Denton County, a program to provide cost effective financial services to underserved communities.

All totaled, United Way of Denton County volunteers donated more than 19,200 hours this year, valued at more than \$425,000 to help more than 55,000 people in Denton County. Additionally, donors gave \$2,068,024 to the United Way of Denton County to support its mission this year alone.

The United Way of Denton County has an incredible positive effect on the community. It is my pleasure to recognize its 62 years of service to the community, and I am privileged to represent the United Way of Denton County in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING GULFSTREAM STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

#### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Gulfstream Student Leadership Program and its exceptional efforts to improve high school graduation rates in Savannah, Georgia. The Gulfstream Student Leadership Program summer trip to Washington provides students with the opportunity to see first-hand the inner workings of our government and gain an appreciation of our nation's history and monuments.

The students that I met last week in the Capitol were rising seniors who had completed three years of the Student Leadership Program. The program went into effect five years ago, and 96 percent of the initial class of 150 students went on to graduate. Currently, eleven local high schools participate in the Student Leadership Program, and the 2012–2013 class includes close to 650 students.

This incredible program is made possible through the efforts of the Gulfstream Community Relations Staff, teachers and community

advisors. I am pleased to recognize the students and teachers that were a part of this year's Student Leadership trip to Washington, and I look forward to working with them in the future.

#### CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN ON SETTING A NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD

#### HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Botanic Garden on setting a new monthly attendance record. In July, the Garden attracted 159,361 people, shattering the previous record by nearly 10,000 visitors. This marks the third consecutive month with more than 100,000 visitors—a streak equaled only twice before.

Since opening its gates 41 years ago, the Botanic Garden has brought joy to hundreds of thousands of people each year. With its fabulously varied grounds, the Chicago Botanic Garden is a natural refuge from the urban environment just outside its walls.

The record-breaking attendance figures are a testament to the Botanic Garden's sustained excellence and prominent position in the community as one of the region's most popular tourist and cultural destinations.

I have visited the Botanic Garden many times with my own family, as have countless other families in our community. Visitors appreciate its beauty, are enriched by its research, and create treasured memories year round.

In its mission to further our understanding of nature and our environment, the Chicago Botanic Garden educates its visitors and the community on the critical importance of conservation efforts. The Botanic Garden has grown our understanding of and appreciation for nature's simple beauty.

Spread across 385 acres, the Botanic Garden features thousands of plant species and hosts more than 100,000 volumes in its library. The Garden offers an abundance of activities for the entire community.

This achievement demonstrates that people with access to inspired institutions like the Chicago Botanic Garden live happier, healthier lives. I congratulate the Garden, and all those who make it a distinctive paragon of the Tenth District. I am grateful it is part of the Tenth District.

#### CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF LARRY WILLIAMS

#### HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, Larry Williams, the former Director of the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center, passed away on Friday, August 9, after suffering a heart attack.

Larry Williams served as the director of the Technical Center from 1982 to 1987. After leaving the Center, he went on to work with aviation-related companies in the private sec-

tor. He was a consultant for aviation giants such as Booz Allen Hamilton, CSSI, and others. He was part of a small joint team sponsored in part by the FAA and NASA that developed NextGen architecture and related projects. In January 2012, Larry was appointed to the NextGen aviation park board of directors.

The Virginia resident spent many years working for the FAA, between New Jersey and Washington, DC, including 10 years as the automation and surveillance engineering chief. Larry was recognized as an expert in the aviation industry throughout the country.

He came in contact with and touched many people throughout his career in aviation. His dedication and loyalty to the aviation industry and to the ideals of ensuring safer skies for those who fly will be missed. He exemplified the positive human values of kindness, dedication, and dignity, and was an outstanding example to all who knew him. Larry Williams was truly a remarkable gentleman; a loving husband, father, and grandfather; and a great friend to all of us.

#### COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. This incredibly moving oration set the stage to bring equal rights to all people; his words are as poignant and touching today as they were when spoken fifty years ago.

From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963, Dr. King delivered this now famous speech while hundreds of thousands of onlookers participated in the March on Washington. The speech began with reference to the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery in the United States and brought about hope for the future; however, Dr. King continued to highlight how there was still more work to be done, even one hundred years after Lincoln made that address. Then, through an artful combination of skilled writing and improvisation, Dr. King delivered what is arguably one of the most memorable speeches of our Nation's history.

In his speech, Dr. King envisioned a Nation where the families of former slaves and those of former slave owners would live together in harmony. He urged people to look past years of racial segregation, injustice, and inequality to join together as one. He did so, as all parents would, with the hope that his children could live in a land free from hatred. Dr. King stated that this was the freedom that our Founding Fathers fought so hard to protect, so we owed it to them and ourselves to create this change.

Perhaps Dr. King did not know how monumental this one speech would become to the American civil rights movement. It allowed many Americans to reflect on years of racial separation and realize that change was on the horizon. Unfortunately, Dr. King did not live to

see this dream realized, but his "I Have a Dream" speech helped pave the way for the success of the civil rights movement and remains an important lesson on history and equality to this day.

As organizations throughout our Nation join in commemorating the anniversary of this momentous speech, I would like to recognize and thank Operation People for Peace, and its Chairman Arthur Rocker, Sr., who has partnered with over four hundred churches and organizations throughout the Gulf Coast to collect food donations to help feed thousands of families, as well as, thank the Southern Christian Leadership Conference chapters of the Gulf Coast, the National Congress of Black Women chapters of the Gulf Coast, and all organizations across Northwest Florida for their efforts. We are truly blessed to have these organizations helping to keep the memory of Dr. King's words fresh in the minds of the people in our community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to recognize the Fiftieth Anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" speech. My wife Vicki joins me in thanking those throughout Northwest Florida for hosting celebrations along the Gulf Coast to commemorate this incredible speech. Most importantly, we would like to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his tremendous service to this Nation and his efforts to put an end to racial inequality.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR ROBERT S.  
SWENSON, USAFR, RETIRED

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize Major Robert S. Swenson, USAFR, Retired. Major Swenson, a World War II veteran who did not receive his Bronze Star Medal for his bravery during the Varsity Operation in 1945, received his medal on August 10, 2013 at the Trigger Time Convention in the City of SeaTac, Washington.

In 1945, as a glider pilot in the 435th Troop Carrier Group, 75th Squadron, Major Swenson and his fellow airmen distinguished themselves when enemy infantry mounted a counter attack. The 435th Troop Carrier Group fought and repelled the attack of approximately 200 enemy soldiers, a tank, a self-propelled artillery, and two 20mm flak guns.

After the battle, a request was made by Major Charles O. Gordon that all members of the 435th Troop Carrier Group be given due recognition. However, at the end of the war, the order was lost and went unfulfilled. The records have since been conserved at the Silent Wings Museum Archives and Major General Kenneth Dahl, Deputy Commanding General, I Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, will formally present the Bronze Star Medal to Major Swenson at the convention.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Major Robert S. Swenson, USAFR, Retired, for his fearlessness and dedication to serving his country.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBY HURD

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one man, Bobby Hurd who has given so much of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, his work is present in the gospel music industry for all to see, and "The Bobby Hurd Show" has been instrumental in spreading the gospel and promoting gospel artists in the Metropolitan Atlanta area and beyond; and

Whereas, this giant of a man accomplished so much during his time on earth, he was an electrician by trade, a promoter by talent, a community advocate by concern and a friend to all; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life to uplift those in need, he never asked for fame or fortune he just wanted to help somebody and to inspire anybody by being involved in community activities and spreading the gospel; he encouraged everybody to do the same by witnessing him walk the walk and talk the talk; and

Whereas, Bobby Hurd led by doing both behind the scenes and on the front lines, he was an ambassador of goodwill who will be truly missed; and

Whereas, Bobby Hurd was a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a friend; he was our warrior, our patriarch, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Bobby Hurd as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that he is deemed worthy and deserving of this Congressional Honor by declaring Mr. Bobby Hurd U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 12th day of July, 2013.

STATEMENT ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP ERIC R. FIGUEROA, SR.

**HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Bishop Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. During his 30 years of service, Bishop Figueroa has ministered to thousands and worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all those he encountered. In honor of his three decades of service to our community, Bishop Figueroa was honored at a celebratory banquet on Monday, May 20, 2013 at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York.

In 1983, Bishop Figueroa founded New Life Tabernacle, which has been an important part of our community. In addition to his ministry at the church, Bishop Figueroa has dem-

onstrated a strong commitment to improving the lives of the people of Brooklyn through the Family Life Development Center. The Center provides an impressive range of services which include: a food pantry, drug rehabilitation programs, juvenile alternatives to incarceration, mentoring, counseling, college preparation, scholarships, and senior citizen programming. He recognized the needs of the people of Brooklyn and found solutions. His work has provided critical services to those most in need.

Bishop Figueroa's efforts as a founding member of Brooklyn Congregations Together, which united church communities in the borough to best meet the needs of the people, are commendable. The community remains indebted to the New Life Covenant Fellowship, which educates and empowers new leaders. Bishop Figueroa is truly a gifted teacher, preacher, and singer.

He is an inspirational leader whose work would not have been possible without the love and support of his wife Doreen Figueroa and their devoted children and grandchildren. We thank his family for sharing him with us all. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Bishop Figueroa on his 30th pastoral anniversary. For his commitment to the people of Brooklyn and to his service of those less fortunate, he is worthy of the highest praise.

COMMENDING ALPHA DELTA  
KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ORGANIZATION FOR  
WOMEN EDUCATORS

**HON. MO BROOKS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on its sixty-six years of dedicated service and proclaim October 2013 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals have been to establish high standards of education, give recognition to outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and to promote educational and charitable projects and activities enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of over 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth and for collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of the nation's working force and are constantly striving to serve their communities and nation in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last few years, the members of Alpha Delta Kappa have given altruistically to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$14.5 million dollars and volunteering over 2 million service hours.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women

Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well and best wishes as they continue to educate our children.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED  
SERVICE OF VICKIE B. MULLINS  
TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Vickie B. Mullins upon her retirement from UF/IFAS Santa Rosa County Extension as the 4-H Agent for Youth Development. For over forty years, Mrs. Mullins has served the Gulf Coast community, and I am privileged to recognize her success and myriad achievements.

From a very young age, Mrs. Mullins has called Northwest Florida home. Born in Andalusia, Alabama, Mrs. Mullins and her family moved in 1955 to Pensacola, Florida, where she graduated from Woodham High School and Pensacola Junior College. She continued her studies at Florida State University, receiving both a bachelor's and master's degree in Home Economics Education. Upon graduation, Mrs. Mullins performed post graduate work at Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi.

Leading up to her career as a 4-H Agent, Mrs. Mullins served the Gulf Coast in numerous capacities. She worked in the Escambia County School System from 1972 to 1973, taught in the Amory and Nettleton School Districts, served as the Mississippi State Board of Health Nutritionist, and directed and taught the Nettleton First Baptist Church Weekday Early Education Program. She was also an adjunct instructor at Pensacola Junior College and the University of West Florida and the Culinary Arts Instructor at Locklin Vocational Technical School 1993–1997, where she was selected as the Locklin Teacher of the Year. In 1973, Mrs. Mullins joined the Escambia County Extension Service and became the first Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Youth Agent in Escambia County. She later joined the Mississippi Extension Service in 1979, and in 1997, Mrs. Mullins joined the UF/IFAS Santa Rosa County Extension, where she has served the last fifteen years as a 4-H Agent.

If there is one common thread sewn throughout her professional career, it is Mrs. Mullins' passion and dedication for bettering the lives of those around her. The positive impact Mrs. Mullins has made on the lives of our Nation's youth is unquestioned, and it is evidenced by the numerous accolades she has earned over the years. These include the Florida and National Extension Distinguished Service Award, the Florida and National Extension Meritorious Service Award, the Regional and National Power of Youth Award, the State, Regional, and National Beyond Youth Leadership Award, and the National 4-H Program of Distinction Award.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my gratitude to Vickie Mullins for her years of dedicated service to Northwest Florida. She is an inspiration to those around her, and we in Northwest Florida are blessed to have her as part of the community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Vickie;

her husband Dan; their three children Katie, Sarah, and Jackson; and their entire family all the best for continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH YEAR ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE BLESSING  
OF THE GRAPES CEREMONY AT  
THE HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN  
CHURCH

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Holy Trinity Armenian Church during their celebration of the 100th Blessing of the Grapes ceremony. This is a very special time for the Armenian community as they gather on this holy day.

The blessing of grapes is a special tradition within the Armenian Church. The ceremony takes place on a major feast day, "Assumption of St. Mary" which is a celebration of St. Mary being assumed into Heaven. Grapes have a symbolic significance in the Christian faith, and on this day they are considered to be forbidden fruit before being blessed by the Priest at the closing of the ceremony.

Holy Trinity Armenian Church is an historical landmark in Fresno, California. The first Armenian Church was destroyed in a fire in 1913, and the Holy Trinity Armenian Church was built at an alternate location. Armenian architect, Lawrence Cone, created the magnificent church as a sacred place for the Armenian community. It was the first traditional Armenian Church in the United States.

The Central Valley is home to thousands of Armenians, and as a community we must also celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church. They have made everlasting contributions to the City of Fresno, and our entire country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Year Anniversary of the Blessing of the Grapes Ceremony at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church. Their mission to provide an infinite amount of faith, hope, and love to the public is highly respected and praised.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF MASONIC LODGE  
422

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Masonic Lodge 422 of Joliet, Illinois. Tracing their founding to the Civil War, the 250 members of Masonic Lodge 422 recently celebrated the longevity of their fraternal organization, and reflected on its early days in the Chicago neighborhood of Hyde Park.

Throughout history, Freemasons have dedicated their lives to cultivating good moral character both within themselves and their communities. They have consistently involved themselves in a variety of charitable causes, in their belief that one of their important roles is

to do good for society. The charitable commitments of the Joliet Freemasons include valuable medical services like the Illinois Masonic Medical Center and the Shriners Hospital for Children, as well as contributions to affiliated women and children's advocacy groups.

Over the years, Masonic Lodge 422 has maintained steady membership and has remained devoted to restoring the charitable and philosophic legacy of old Masonic orders. Members of those old orders include our founding fathers George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin, whose prominence, accomplishments, and positive influence remain a motivational force for contemporary Freemasons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in not only honoring Masonic Lodge 422, but also in wishing this shining example of tradition, resilience, and generosity many more years of existence.

TRIBUTE TO ABBIE BURANNICE  
BENN AND JACK BENN

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, On December 29, 1881, the union of Abbie Burannice Benn and Jack Benn in Morgan County, Georgia, blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, to this union fourteen children were born; Carrie Benn, Emma Benn, John Benn, Jack Benn, Willie Benn, Anderson Benn, Birder Benn, Joseph Benn, Elbert Benn, Lula Benn, Corlor Benn, Mattie Benn, Arthur Benn and Rosey Benn; and from the children of Abbie and Jack Benn, and we have seen and are seeing generations of many well respected citizens, so today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Benn, Brinkley and Randolph families; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Benn, Brinkley and Randolph families who are productive citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Benn, Brinkley and Randolph families have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Benn, Brinkley and Randolph families;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 20, 2013, as Benn, Brinkley & Randolph Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 20th day of July, 2013.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNUAL PITTSSTON TOMATO FESTIVAL FOR ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate the committee members and volunteers of the 30th Annual Pittston Tomato Festival. The City of Pittston, Pennsylvania has once again staged this remarkable and unique civic event celebrating both the exceptional tomatoes grown throughout the Northeastern Pennsylvania region and the warmth and hospitality of the City of Pittston.

The four-day festival that kicked-off on Thursday, August 15 was designed in part to showcase just how far the festival has come since its humble beginnings thirty years ago. In 1983, Valentine "Val" Delia founded the festival as a way to showcase the produce of his garden. Since then, the festival has grown from a small gathering of local farmers in a parking lot in downtown Pittston to a widely recognized and beloved iconic component of the region's summer entertainment.

With attractions such as local musicians, local vendors, a parade, 5K run, and the renowned "Tomato Fights" that raise money for food-related charities, the Pittston Tomato Festival showcases the best aspects of the community. The festival highlights the city's vibrant Italian-American culture, displays its beautiful and historic revitalization projects, and fosters an atmosphere of community and sense of service to others in each and every one of the thousands of visitors it brings to the City of Pittston.

In recognition of the 30th Annual Pittston Tomato Festival, I add my congratulations and best wishes for continued success in bringing family recreation and a strengthened sense of community to the City of Pittston and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S ALVIN HENRY ENFINGER

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's Alvin Henry Enfinger, who passed away on September 2, 2013. Mr. Enfinger spent his entire life serving those around him through his knowledge of medicine and farming and his predisposition to help his fellow man.

Born on September 27, 1925, Mr. Enfinger spent the early years of his life working on his family's farm in Chumuckla, Florida. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the Navy during World War II. After his military service, Mr. Enfinger returned home, married the love of his life Doris Gillman and looked toward his professional future.

Mr. Enfinger graduated from Auburn University in 1951 and then decided to pursue his chosen profession of pharmacy. Only three years into his practice, Mr. Enfinger opened his own pharmacy in West Pensacola named A & E Pharmacy, which is now Northwest Florida's oldest, continuously family-owned and operated pharmacy. A & E Pharmacy has been very successful throughout its nearly 60 years of operation, at one time being the largest pharmacy in Pensacola. Whereas the Gulf Coast has seen an influx of large chain pharmacies as most other areas of the country have over the years, A & E Pharmacy remains a local treasure in our community thanks to Mr. Enfinger's strong leadership.

Mr. Enfinger never veered too far from his upbringing on a farm or from his will to serve the people of Northwest Florida. In 1970, he began raising Red Angus Cattle, a mission that earned him significant recognition for his success and a term as President of The Southeastern Red Angus Association. He was also instrumental in preserving the Coon Hill Cemetery for many years: raising money for its support, restoring its grounds, and acting as steward of the cemetery's history for the entire community. We were very fortunate to have such a talented man as a friend, neighbor, and tireless servant to our community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Mr. Alvin Enfinger. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his five children, Art Enfinger, Rhonda Enfinger, David Enfinger, Beth Orr, and Jan Herrera; eleven grandchildren; and eighteen great grandchildren. He will truly be missed.

HONORING WILLIAM P. CLARK

### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of William P. Clark from San Luis Obispo County, who passed away on August 10, 2013.

William Clark was born in Oxnard, California on October 23, 1931. As a fourth-generation Californian, Mr. Clark served on several state courts and as a longtime advisor to President Ronald Reagan. Since 1969, Mr. Clark was appointed to the SLO County Superior Court, the California State Appellate Court in Los Angeles and later to the California State Supreme Court by then Governor Reagan, where he served as an associate justice for eight years.

Recognized for his dedication to public service, he was appointed as the Deputy Secretary of State in 1981 by President Reagan. A year later, he became the National Security Advisor and then served as the Secretary of the Interior until 1985. In his later years, Mr. Clark moved to his ranch in Shandon, California where he and his wife, Joan, built the Chapel Hill that he donated to his local community.

He is survived by his five children.

On a personal note, Mr. Clark was a gracious host when he invited me to visit the beautiful Chapel Hill. He was a kind man of character who proudly served his country and I am honored to have met him.

I offer my most heartfelt condolences to Mr. Clark's family and friends. Please join me in

honoring this exemplary American and San Luis Obispo County resident.

IN MEMORY OF PETE MIRELEZ

### HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Pete Mirelez, who served as a role model and mentor to his community. He was proud to be the first Hispanic Adams County Commissioner and stated that after his family and friends his second love was Adams County.

Pete Mirelez was born in LaSalle, Colorado and was the first person in his family to receive a college degree, completing his studies at Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska. Pete served as Adams County's first Director of the War on Poverty Program and was named Regional Director of the California Migrant Council in 1968. In 1972, Pete was named the National Director of the office of Economic Opportunity Migrant Division in Washington D.C., before becoming an Adams County Commissioner. During Pete's time as Adams County Commissioner, an edition of the Brighton Sentinel named him as "one of the most influential people in Adams County".

After serving Adams County, Pete was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as Representative to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Region 8, and served from 1979 to 1981. Afterwards, Pete served the Colorado Department of Transportation Highway Commission for twelve years until becoming a lobbyist for Adams County School Districts.

Pete was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and mentor of mine who I was proud to also call a friend. He exemplified the American dream by showing that through education and service a person could create positive change in his community. His true public service will be missed.

IN HONOR OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BETH EL IN SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Temple Beth El in Salinas, California. On behalf of the entire House, I am privileged to extend the gratitude of Congress and the American people for the past and future service of the Beth El congregation.

The First Hebrew Congregation and Community Center of Salinas was established in 1935. During World War II, and for a few years thereafter, Chaplain Hertz of Fort Ord served the congregation as its first religious leader. In 1949, Rabbi Seymour Stern joined the congregation as the synagogue's first Rabbi. Rabbi Abraham Haseklorn took over the rabbinic duties in 1953, and served until his retirement in 1973. He and his wife Alda made an invaluable contribution to the Salinas

community. In 1963, the name of Temple Beth El was adopted for the new synagogue building designed by Temple member Jerome Kasavan, and is the home of the current congregation and Rabbi Marcy Delbick.

For several years, Temple Beth El has served members throughout Salinas, Monterey, Prunedale, Gilroy and San Benito County. Their goal has been to provide both a spiritual and social center for members and guest. Its membership has spanned the entire spectrum of Jewish thought and tradition, along with diverse age levels and religious backgrounds. Reform, Conservative, Orthodox as well as unaffiliated members have added a unique variety to their gatherings. Throughout the years they have adapted to the changing needs of the times, while maintaining the respect for the traditions of their ancestors.

The objective of Temple Beth El has been both religious and cultural, providing Sunday and Hebrew school for children as well as education programs for adults. At the start, the religious school began with ten students, though soon outgrew the available space and often spilled into congregants' homes. Today, Temple Beth El offers education programs for children throughout the school year. A vast array of adult education classes are provided, from an introduction to Judaism to the Lunch and Learn program.

Tikkun Olam, "repairing the world", is a major part of the Temple Beth El congregation community outreach. Members often prepare meals at the homeless shelter for the less fortunate, and are principle bell ringers for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive on Christmas Eve. For over 50 years the yearly Kosher Luncheon is a much heralded community event where corned beef and pastrami sandwiches are served, providing Jewish outreach of the most delicious kind.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I say Mazel Tov to the Temple Beth El congregation for their years of service devoted to the advancement of religious, cultural, and educational opportunities. I know I speak for the House in saluting their dedication, in making the community a better place and congratulating them on the celebration of their Golden Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF THE PERKASIE  
LIONS CLUB

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for 75 years, the Perkasio Lions Club has dedicated their time to bettering both the lives of those in their community and disadvantaged individuals abroad. Currently meeting only five blocks from where it first assembled, and the club's reach and positive impact has only grown with its age. Since 1938, they have completed a variety of projects, with their main focus being assistance to the blind. Not only does the Lions Club provide medical equipment and glasses to those unable to afford them, but they also help enrich the lives of children within the community. The members have made comprehensive improvements to Lions Camp Kirby, where hearing and visually impaired children can take part in a variety of activities. From exploring the outdoors to

toasting marshmallows around the camp fire, deserving young people are able to enjoy these opportunities regardless of financial standing. The Perkasio Lions Club has an impressive history in Bucks County, and I look forward to their continued contributions to the community.

RECOGNIZING FIRE AND RESCUE  
AND EMS PERSONNEL OF FLORIDA'S  
16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire and rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

Last year, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected by an independent committee comprised of a cross-section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Battalion Chief Stacey S. Bailey of the East Manatee Fire Rescue received the Career Service Award.

The Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team received the Associate Service Award.

Battalion Chief Russell McCord of the Englewood Area Fire Control received the Career Service Award.

Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Kolesa received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

I appreciate this opportunity to recognize 16th District fire and rescue and EMS personnel.

STATEMENT ON THE 114TH BIRTHDAY OF MS. SUSANNAH MUSHATT JONES

**HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 114th birthday of Ms. Susannah Mushatt Jones, who is affectionately called Miss Susie. Considered the oldest resident in New York State by the Gerontology Research Group, she is a beloved member of the Brooklyn community I am proud to represent in Congress. In honor of her birthday, Miss Susie was honored on July 12, 2013, at the Vandalia Senior Center in Brooklyn, NY.

We revel not just the years since her birth, but the history she has witnessed in three separate centuries. From experiencing segregation in the South to being a first-hand witness of the Civil Rights movement in New York, we commemorate her birthday with awe and inspiration.

Miss Susie was born into a large, loving family on July 6, 1899, in Lowndes County, Alabama as the third of eleven children. In 1923 she moved to New York as part of the Great Migration of African Americans from the rural South to cities in the North, Midwest, and West. Miss Susie dedicated her professional pursuits to children, first as a schoolteacher and then as a childcare provider. At one point, she moved to Hollywood to work for a family in the film industry. During her time on the west coast, she enjoyed socializing with movie stars and attending movie premieres. She fondly remembers meeting Ronald Reagan, Clark Gable, and Cary Grant.

Family has always surrounded Miss Susie: she takes great delight in being an aunt to over 100 nieces and nephews. Throughout her life, she has brightened many lives with her positive attitude and infectious laugh. She resides in Vandalia Houses and was an active member of the Vandalia Houses Senior Center tenant patrol through her 100th birthday. Miss Susie credits her healthy lifestyle free of smoking and drinking for her longevity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Ms. Susannah Mushatt Jones on her 114th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHARLES  
FAMILY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the birth of Oliver Charles, son of Mr. Handy and Mrs. Alfhosine Batiste Charles in Freetown, Louisiana, on December 27, 1897, began the Charles family lineage which has blessed us with descendants who have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, Mr. Oliver Charles united in holy matrimony to Mrs. Laura Livingston Charles on March 18, 1927 in Freetown, Louisiana, their union has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Charles Family are pillars of strength who have touched many throughout our nation, family members of the past and present, giving us generations of the Charles family lineage; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Charles family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Charles family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this



day to honor and recognize the Charles family; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 6, 2013, as Charles Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 6th day of July, 2013.

#### HONORING SHERIFF JEFF CAPPA

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Jeff Cappa of Richmond, Indiana.

My friend, Sheriff Jeff Cappa, of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office was recently honored as the Indiana Sheriff's Association 2013 Sheriff of the Year at the Association's annual gathering. Among his many accomplishments as Sheriff, Jeff returned the department to a true merit-based system for both hiring and promotions, created a 24-hour supervision of the jail and enforcement division, expanded medical coverage at the jail to full-time and around-the-clock service, and launched a strategic plan for the department.

Sheriff Cappa is known throughout the county and region as a Sheriff willing to work with the community to better serve its citizens. His working relationship with the county council and county commissioners is a testament to efficient local government. Jeff's outreach and leadership is a key to the continued growth, safety, and development of the communities throughout Wayne County.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in thanking Sheriff Jeff Cappa and his team for their tireless effort towards increased public safety in Wayne County and in congratulating Jeff for his designation as the 2013 Indiana Sheriff's Association Sheriff of the Year.

#### COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION OF THE JOSEPH NAPER STATUE

#### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Joseph Naper, founder of Naperville, and to commemorate the dedication of a statue in his honor. The statue, which stands at his former homestead, serves as a permanent testament to the strength, compassion, and ingenuity of this pioneer of the West.

Joseph Naper held many diverse professions in life—he was at various times a ship captain, frontiersman, trader, land surveyor, soldier and politician—but to all of them he brought the same care for community. Through hard work and endurance of spirit, Naper raised the physical foundations of the town we know today as Naperville from a spot of land on the West Branch of the DuPage River that he settled in 1831. Equally importantly, Naper built the cultural and spiritual foundations of his community, helping to provide educational, intellectual, and religious opportunities for fellow settlers.

Despite his many achievements, no plaque or monument has been dedicated in Naper's memory since his death in 1862. On August 23, this unfortunate oversight was corrected by the Naperville Heritage Society in partnership with the City of Naperville, who erected a statue in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the legacy of Joseph Naper and commemorating the unveiling of a statue in his honor. Men and Women like Naper helped to build the America we know today, and for that great service they are owed our eternal gratitude and honor.

#### TRIBUTE TO ARLOENE WATTS

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Arloene Watts. Arloene passed away on Monday, August 5, 2013. A resident of Corona for over half a century, she was a pillar of the community and will be deeply missed.

Arloene was born August 13, 1922 in Carson, Oregon, before moving with her family to Minnesota. Arloene grew up on the family farm, where her work ethic and values were formed. In 1941, she moved to Auburn, California to attend school at Sierra College. She and her husband, Ed, were married shortly thereafter in 1943. In 1957, the pair packed up and moved to a small town in Southern California—Corona. Arloene began her community work almost immediately, taking on roles with the Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts of America, and in parent-teacher groups.

Arloene's passion for service took shape early, and she became a champion for the development of women's rights in business throughout the community. With experience in personal finance and secretarial training, Arloene started her own business, an employment agency, in 1963. During a time when less than four percent of American businesses were owned by women, Arloene became a pioneer. Her knack for career planning led the business to become very successful, eventually leading to its sale in 1990 after having Arloene at the helm for 27 years. She continued to pave the way for women in the community over the years, becoming the first woman to serve as Corona Planning Commissioner. In addition, she earned a spot by appointment on the Temescal Valley-El Cerrito Community Plan Advisory Committee. Her continued interest in business development within the city led her to become actively involved in the Corona Chamber of Commerce, becoming its first female president in 1974.

It is hard to imagine that Arloene would have any free time on her hands, yet she always found time for her community. She served as Trustee of Circle City Hospital, Director of the local YMCA, and Executive Director of Corona-Norco United Way. In addition, Arloene was President of Soroptimist International of Corona, and President of the Women's Improvement Club. She was also a dedicated member of the Corona-Norco Unified School District's Partner in Education Program and the Inland Empire Better Business Bureau. It is no surprise that Arloene was the re-

cipient of numerous community awards including Corona Citizen of the Year, Award of Merit-Chamber of Commerce, Distinguished Citizen of the Year-Corona Jaycees, Outstanding Citizen-Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Distinguished Citizen of the Year-Boy Scouts, Woman of the Year-73rd Assembly District, YMCA Ira D. Calvert Distinguished Service Award, and the Women of Distinction Award for her achievements in helping advance the status of women in Corona.

Arloene is survived by the love of her life, her husband, and their three children: son, Edwin, of Massachusetts, and two daughters, Michelle, of Corona, and LaJune Hughes, of Oklahoma.

On Tuesday, August 13, 2013, what would have been her 91st birthday, a memorial honoring Arloene's extraordinary life was held. Arloene will always be remembered for her incredible work ethic, generosity, advancement of women, contributions to the community and love of family. Her dedication to her work and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Arloene's family and friends; although Arloene may be gone, the light and goodness she brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF REV. DR. DWIGHT C. NORTINGTON

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rev. Dr. Dwight C. Northington on his retirement as Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank, New Jersey. Dr. Northington has led Calvary Baptist Church for over 21 years and his dedication is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Before entering the ministry, Dr. Northington worked as an executive for Travelers Insurance Company. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He is married to his wife Rebecca and together they have two daughters, Bianca and Alisha, a granddaughter Aniya and grandson Nukeil.

In addition to his 21 years of service to Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. Northington is an active member of the community. He has served as the past moderator of the Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association, past member of the Red Bank Board of Education and past president of the Westside Ministerial Alliance.

Dr. Northington is committed to learning and teaching. He graduated from Morgan State University, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Drew University and has taught homiletics at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and worked as an Adjunct Professor of the Brookdale Community College Psychology Department.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Northington on his pastoral retirement and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service and leadership to the Calvary Baptist Church congregation and the greater community.



RECOGNIZING JAMES MARTIN OF  
MIRAMAR, FLORIDA AS A HAS-  
TINGS STAR STUDENT

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of James Martin of Miramar, Florida, and to honor him as a Hastings Star Student.

At the age of 17, James recently graduated Suma Cum Laude from Florida Atlantic University with a GPA of 3.9. He earned a Bachelor's of Science in Molecular Biology. Having been home-schooled by his mother from a young age, James started college at the age of 14. He is a shining example of what hard work and dedication can accomplish.

While in college, James worked alongside a Nobel Prize winner Dr. Eric Wieschaus at Princeton University. After graduating, James was offered a job with Dr. Wieschaus as a paid lab assistant while he decides which PhD programs to apply to. His goal is to pursue a career as a professor, and I have no doubt he will contribute greatly to the Molecular Biology field.

I would also like to recognize the dedication of Joan Martin, James' mother, to her son's education. The active participation on the part of one's parents is important to a good education, and Joan has gone above and beyond in that regard and is to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, the accomplishments of James Martin are an inspiration to students everywhere, especially within the minority community. I am proud to honor such an outstanding individual. We can all look forward to the bright future this young man has ahead of him.

IN HONOR OF THE JAMES  
MICHENER ART MUSEUM

### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, we are proud to recognize the 25th anniversary of Bucks County's cultural treasure—the James A. Michener Art Museum. In the span of 25 years, the museum in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania has preserved the artistic heritage of the county through its extensive permanent art collection and by reaching out to diverse audiences with national and regional exhibitions, scholarly publications and educational programs. Its art collection has grown from 115 objects to nearly 3,000, including 182 Bucks County related exhibitions featuring over 300 local artists. The museum is housed in an historic 19th century jail that has been expanded to 72,000 square feet of gallery and event space and two beautiful public gardens. We know that last year nearly 150,000 people visited this outstanding repository of Bucks County's creative tradition. And so we proudly acknowledge the James A. Michener Art Museum as a cultural pillar in Bucks County and congratulate those who gave the museum life and sustain it today.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUIS  
CATALDO AND ALICE GEORGE

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding civic contributions of Mr. Louis Cataldo and Mrs. Alice George on the occasion of their retirement from the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Selection Committee.

Mr. Cataldo first conceived the Mercy Otis Warren Award as a way of recognizing the contributions of Cape Cod's women, past and present. The honor has been bestowed upon twelve women since 2002 for their exceptional leadership, involvement in local institutions, and community enrichment. Mr. Cataldo's love of history and the Cape Cod community are evident in the award's namesake, as Mercy Otis Warren was a citizen of Barnstable County and a vocal advocate for civil liberties in the midst of the American Revolution. Mr. Cataldo's initiative has helped preserve the memory of an often-overlooked American patriot while praising the distinguished women who continue Warren's legacy today.

A charter member of the Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Selection Committee, Mrs. Alice George has presided as its chair from the beginning. In partnership with Mr. Cataldo and the Barnstable County Commissioners, Mrs. George has led the charge to bring Cape Cod's most inspiring women to the forefront. She has long been a central figure in Barnstable and actively serves in many charitable and community organizations. Mrs. George also worked with Mr. Cataldo in bringing the Mercy Otis Warren statue to the grounds of the county courthouse.

Following eleven wonderful years at the helm, Mr. Cataldo and Mrs. George will step down from their positions on the selection committee. Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Louis Cataldo and Mrs. Alice George for over a decade of service to southeastern Massachusetts. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding them for their selfless advocacy efforts.

### BLACK MUSIC DAY

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many individuals and organizations strive to bring awareness, enlightenment, and entertainment to our community through African American culture and music; and

Whereas, June is recognized as Black Music Month, this is a unique opportunity for our Nation to showcase the different musicians, writers, producers, promoters, performers, managers, attorneys, agents, and accountants who have contributed to making Black Music a heavyweight in the industry of entertainment around the world; and

Whereas, today we celebrate the kickoff of Black Music Month at the Artist Factory in At-

lanta, by witnessing the music, dance, food, art, and fashion that Black Music has inspired on an international stage; and

Whereas, our beloved District has found a jewel in the music that touches the minds and souls of untold millions; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in times of joy and sorrow through music; putting rhythm in our feet, adrenalin in our blood, and pizzazz in our spirits; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Black Music as a unique and wonderful cultural contribution to our District, the Nation, and the world;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 4, 2013 as Black Music Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of June, 2013.

HONORING THE CALIFORNIA HIS-  
PANIC CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, CHCC, as it celebrates its 35th anniversary at its annual convention being held at Oakland, California. I commend CHCC for their choice to hold this important event in my congressional district, known for its spirit of diversity and innovation, as well as its proud history of Hispanic and Latino entrepreneurship.

In 1978, a group of local Hispanic chamber leaders from throughout California convened to discuss the lack of representation of Hispanic businesses in State government. These leaders also recognized the need for an organization that would effectively represent the interest of the rapidly growing number of Hispanic-owned businesses in California. From those beginnings, the CHCC has grown into a network of over 65 Hispanic chambers and business associations throughout the State of California. Through its network, the CHCC represents the interest of over 700,000 Hispanic business owners in the State, making it the largest ethnic business organization in the Nation.

As a longtime advocate for the advancement of disadvantaged and minority-owned businesses, I applaud the CHCC's mission to promote, support, and encourage the advancement and development of Hispanic and minority-owned businesses, and to provide an organizational forum for the exchange of ideas, information, technical assistance, procurement opportunities, and any other form of business opportunities that enhance the Hispanic and minority business communities. I also commend its development of a program of advocacy in order to inform and educate elected and appointed officials, legislative bodies, agencies, and public and private organizations about the concerns, needs, and opportunities which affect the Hispanic and minority business communities of California, and to foster unity and communication between organizations, corporations, and individuals who support the goals and objectives of the CHCC.

CHCC's numerous programs are making real impacts in this State. Through their

Project Homeowner initiative, CHCC has worked to help borrowers understand their financials, and in some cases reach agreements on home loan modifications. The ABC/ETP program works to connect minority and women-owned firms with tools and non-traditional capital streams, while providing educational opportunities to bolster budding businesses through an innovative, original curriculum.

Since 2008, the CHCC Foundation has worked to promote charitable programs to create and develop educational and economic development programs to increase adult leadership for CHCC and its members, and to provide scholarship opportunities for qualified students to attend educational institutions to study business and economic development. The Foundation also partners with the United Health Care Foundation to provide scholarship opportunities to promising students entering the medical field.

Therefore, on behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I would like to salute the CHCC, and all of those who have contributed to its 35 years of success. Thank you for your long-term belief in entrepreneurship and for your contributions to our community. Once again, congratulations, and I wish you the very best as you strive for another 35 years of excellence.

IN RECOGNITION OF COL.  
CHARLES JACKSON

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary career of Col. Charles Jackson who recently retired from his position as Assistant Vice President for Facilities at the University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton, Texas. For over a decade, he has competently overseen the rapid growth of new construction and renovation of numerous campus buildings. Prior to his work at UNT, Col. Jackson spent the majority of his career serving his country on active duty with the United States Air Force (USAF). As a registered professional engineer and member of the Association of Physical Plant Administrators, Col. Jackson has distinguished himself as an accomplished military and civilian engineer through his successful direction of numerous projects and developments, domestically and abroad.

Col. Jackson received a B.A. in civil engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a M.A. in engineering/facilities from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He served as the commander of the 7th Engineering Squadron at Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth, Texas. His civil engineer leadership positions include duty assignments stateside in Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma and overseas in Japan, Germany and Belgium. Col. Jackson dedicated 30 years of his life as a civil engineer in the Air Force and achieved the rank of Colonel upon his retirement in May 1998.

Following his departure from the Air Force, Col. Jackson began employment at UNT as Facilities Maintenance Manager and was selected for his current position in 2005. Since 2000, the UNT campus has rapidly expanded

to accommodate the growing number of incoming students. Col. Jackson has overseen the construction of four residence halls, seven major buildings and additional renovation projects. His proudest accomplishments include the Library Mall, the Net Zero Energy Lab, and the recent completion of the SMART project which will have a long-term beneficial impact for the UNT campus. Col. Jackson acted as a vital proponent of this project that will save the University over \$3 million in utility and operation costs annually and ensure reliable systems to support UNT into the future. The SMART project recently received a Green Ribbon Award in the infrastructure category from the U.S. Green Building Council North Texas as the best example of the implementation of sustainable infrastructure design, construction or management practices.

On a personal level, I am grateful to Col. Jackson for his advice and expertise as a member of my Service Academy Board. As a USAF Academy graduate and higher education representative, Col. Jackson's role was to comprehensively screen and interview high school and college applicants wishing to receive a congressional nomination and to advise me upon the selection of qualified service academy candidates.

I join his family, friends and colleagues in congratulating Col. Charles Jackson upon his exemplary service to our community, state and nation and extend my warmest wishes upon a well-earned retirement. His positive contributions and dedicated efforts will continue to enhance The University of North Texas for years to come, and I am privileged to represent the University of North Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

STATEMENT ON THE 100TH  
BIRTHDAY OF LUCY T. DAVIS

**HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Lucy T. Davis. Mrs. Davis is a beloved member of the community; throughout her life, she has brightened the lives of all she encountered. In celebration of her centennial birthday, Mrs. Davis was honored on May 11, 2013 at the Bishop Hucles Nursing Home in Brooklyn, NY.

Mrs. Davis was born in Macon, Georgia on May 12, 1913, and in 1931 her family moved to Brooklyn, NY as part of the Great Migration of African Americans from the rural South to cities in the North, Midwest, and West. While doing domestic work during the day, Mrs. Davis took night courses to learn office skills. During World War II she moved to Washington, DC to work for the United States Department of Defense as a typist. After World War II, Mrs. Davis returned to Brooklyn, NY where she became a supervisor at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

She has been an active member of Cornerstone Baptist Church since 1950. In 1984, Dr. Harry S. Wright appointed Mrs. Davis as the third chairperson of the Board of Christian Education at Cornerstone Baptist Church. During her tenure as chairperson, the board sponsored a Youth Speak Out; a Cinema Club; and a series of family activities including an

annual family church outing, family night, and a family Sunday where the board honored three families from the congregation—a young family, a middle-aged family, and a senior family. She greatly contributed to the vitality of the Church through the numerous roles that she held. From 1985 to 1993 she led the Tuesday afternoon Bible Study. She also led the Circle South in the Missionary Society. Mrs. Davis was an outstanding Sunday School teacher, who my brother, Hasan, and I were very fortunate to have learned from.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Davis has been an avid student. She took many courses in adult education from the City of New York. She received her first, second, and third certificates of progress from the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Mrs. Davis also greatly enjoys reading and painting.

We thank her beloved goddaughter, Rose Davis Utendahl, for traveling from Alabama for this celebration. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mrs. Davis on her 100th birthday. For her dedication to the community, she is worthy of the highest praise.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB DUBOIS

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bob DuBois as he prepares to step down from his role as Executive Director of the Yarmouth Area Chamber of Commerce.

A longtime fixture on Cape Cod, Mr. DuBois has worked tirelessly to strengthen the Chamber of Commerce, the thriving business community it represents, and the entire Yarmouth community. For the past twenty-three years, Mr. DuBois has served as the Chamber's Executive Director, and he has touched many lives in this role. Many of his colleagues and friends recall the many early mornings and late nights he spent in the Chamber's office, seeing him at countless events and meetings around town, and his diligence in promoting Yarmouth's thriving businesses. His many years of hard work have been invaluable to the town's success, and he will certainly be missed by those who work and live in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to recognize Mr. Bob DuBois for the service that he has given to the Town of Yarmouth. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for all that he has done for the town, and in wishing him well in his future endeavors.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY,  
INC.

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, since 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has been and continues to be a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, the Decatur Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was chartered on October 5, 1973, in Decatur, Georgia,

by sixteen stellar sorors who had the foresight and vision to establish a Delta chapter in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the Decatur Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is celebrating its forty year anniversary; and

Whereas, its members give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community through projects such as voter registration, health walks, mentorships and scholarships; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the leadership and service given by the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., our nation and the world are better places due to their commitment to excellence in all of their endeavors; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize their outstanding service to our District for the past forty (40) years and to wish them well on their anniversary;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim October 5, 2013 as Decatur Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of October, 2013.

# RECOGNIZING DONALD LARSON AS HE CELEBRATES HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

## HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donald Larson as he celebrates his 80th birthday. His many years of dedication to education and service deserve both acknowledgment and appreciation.

Don and his twin brother, Phil, were born on September 5, 1933, to Bengt John and Olive Emmingham Larson. He grew up in Kerman, California, and graduated from Kerman High School in 1951. After attending the College of the Sequoias, Don continued his education at the University of California, Berkeley. Immediately following graduation, Don began his teaching career in Caruthers, California. He taught sixth grade for two years, and then went on to teach at Kerman High School for two years. During his first few years of teaching, Don was also completing a Masters at California State University, Fresno. He taught six years for Fresno Unified and ended his teaching career after 35 years with Fresno City College.

Staying active and involved in the community has always been very important to Don. He takes great pride in his lifelong membership at the First Covenant Church in Fresno where he has taught Sunday school for over six decades. Don has served at various organizations including Fresno County Housing Authority, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, and Fresno County Democratic Central Committee. He has also served on the State Center Community College Foundation and was the co-chair of the Capital Campaign for the Old Administration Building on the Fresno City College campus. In addition to these impressive undertakings, Don also found time to be the scorekeeper at basketball

games for Kerman and McLane High Schools, and Fresno City College. He also ran the football chain gang for over fifty years, and taught a current events class to high school seniors from 1965 to 2010.

During Don's retirement he enjoyed spending time with his late wife Carol Kraft Larson. Carol passed away in 2004, but her kindness and love for teaching will always be remembered. They raised one daughter, Lynn, who has furthered the family's tradition by working as an elementary school teacher.

Furthermore, Don has a tremendous interest in the World's Fair. His vast collection of World's Fair memorabilia is housed in the Special Collections Department of the Henry Madden Library at California State University, Fresno. The collection has been named in his honor and is considered second only to that of the Smithsonian in Washington DC.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize Donald Larson on his 80th birthday. He serves as a pillar in our community, and I thank him for all of his contributions to our education system.

## CONGRATULATING JOE A. RAVER

## HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joe A. Raver, the incoming president and CEO of Hillenbrand, Inc., headquartered in Batesville, Indiana, in my congressional district.

Mr. Raver is the current president of Hillenbrand's Process Equipment Group and senior vice president of the company. Previously, he had been president of Batesville Casket Company. Joe had also served as vice president and general manager of the respiratory care division of Hill-Rom Holdings, where he first served as vice president of Strategy and Shared Services. Prior to joining Hill-Rom, Joe spent 10 years in a variety of senior leadership positions at Batesville Casket Company and Hillenbrand Industries.

For more than a century, the Hillenbrand companies have served as a staple in the Indiana and American corporate landscape, premiering innovative products in the funeral services, and process equipment industries. I have no doubt that Hillenbrand will continue to be a dynamic company that Hoosiers can be proud of with Joe at the helm.

I congratulate Joe on this new chapter in his life and wish him the very best as he takes the lead at Hillenbrand.

## HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOOKS FOR AFRICA

## HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the staff, board, donors, and volunteers of Books for Africa on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of this nonprofit organization based in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Since

its founding in 1988, Books for Africa has grown into the largest shipper of donated text and library books to the African continent, having shipped over 27 million books to 48 countries. In 2012 alone, Books for Africa shipped more than 2.2 million books to 22 African countries.

Ending the book famine in Africa is the mission that led Thomas Warth to found Books for Africa. Troubled by a chronic shortage of books in Africa and the reality that 40 percent of school-age children do not attend school, Mr. Warth put his vision and enthusiasm into an ongoing commitment to transform lives by facilitating the shipment of container after container of books that put real books in the hands of real people. By sending textbooks to areas with empty shelves and into the hands of children eager to read, learn, and explore the world of literature, Books for Africa is making a difference in the lives of young people. Books for Africa is promoting literacy, and empowering the next generation to break the endless cycle of poverty that will improve quality of life.

This success would not have been possible without the joint partnership of public and private sectors. Books for Africa frequently works with USAID, Peace Corps, and the Sir Emeka Ofori Foundation to deliver books. Together with the generous support of publishers, schools, libraries, organizations and individuals who donate books, Books for Africa is making a positive impact in the lives of people in African countries.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Thomas Warth and the dedicated staff, partners, donors, board, and volunteers, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing the 25th anniversary of Books for Africa.

## RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORLANDO, INC.

## HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 09, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a special occasion for Orlando, Inc. (Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce). In 1913, Orlando, Inc. was first established and this year they celebrate their 100th anniversary. It is my pleasure to recognize them on their Centennial.

During the past century, Orlando, Inc. has been through many phases of growth and change to create the longstanding history they have today. From their establishment in 1913 as the Board of Trade, followed by becoming the Downtown Chamber, then as the Greater Orlando Chamber, then the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce and now today, Orlando, Inc., their goal and focus of serving the Central Florida region has always remained constant. They have been and continue to be a leader in connecting Central Florida's businesses and communities and maintain success by focusing on what matters most to Central Floridians.

Orlando, Inc. specifically focuses on regional entrepreneurship and is one of four lines of businesses which make up the Central Florida Partnership. The Central Florida Partnership, comprised of Orlando, Inc.,

BusinessForce, myregion.org and Leadership Orlando, is committed to advancing Central Florida's entrepreneurs and moving "Ideas to Results." In their quest to build the best entrepreneurial environment, Orlando, Inc. is positioned to serve the growing demands of entrepreneurs and businesses throughout the Central Florida region by offering some of the most powerful and influential business programs in Central Florida. After a century, Orlando, Inc. has thousands of member businesses that they serve.

Through the high quality, expertise and strong leadership displayed by Orlando, Inc., they have earned and have been accredited a "Five-Star Chamber" by the United States Chamber of Commerce. This honor is the highest level of achievement awarded by the United States Chamber of Commerce, and with nearly 7,000 Chambers in the US, only 217 currently remain accredited.

The excellence with which Orlando, Inc. and the Central Florida Partnership serve Central Florida's business community and enterprises is evident from their history and recognitions. I commend them for their many achievements and I am pleased to congratulate them on the celebration of their 100th anniversary. May their leadership, service and dedication inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS WESLEY  
HARRIS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one man, Thomas Wesley Harris, Jr., who has given so much to our state and nation; and

Whereas, Thomas "Tom" Harris has been instrumental as a pioneer in the beauty industry with his artistic talents, his high standards in creating and innovating cosmetology, being a mentor for hair stylists and in propelling many careers in Atlanta and beyond; and

Whereas, this giant of a man accomplished so much during his time on earth, he served our country honorably in the U.S. Army, he was an entrepreneur, creating Tom Harris Hair Designers, he was a strong community advocate, a motivator and a friend to all; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life to uplift those in need, he never asked for fame or fortune he just wanted to help somebody and to inspire anybody by being involved in community activities and taking the time to encourage and train young stylists into using their skills to impact an industry; and

Whereas, Tom Harris led by doing both behind the scenes and on the front lines, he was an ambassador of goodwill who will be truly missed; and

Whereas, Tom Harris was a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a friend; he was our warrior, our patriarch, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Tom

Harris as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that he is deemed worthy and deserving of this Congressional Honor by declaring Mr. Thomas Wesley Harris, Jr. U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of July, 2013.

HONORING KENNETH A. CAMP

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary accomplishments of Kenneth A. Camp, President and CEO of Hillenbrand, Inc., headquartered in Batesville, Indiana, in my congressional district.

Mr. Camp was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of Batesville Casket Company May 1, 2001, and as President, CEO and Director of Hillenbrand, Inc., March 31, 2008. Previously he had served as senior vice president of Hillenbrand Industries, Inc., and as vice president before that. Mr. Camp joined Hillenbrand in 1981, and has held various positions with both Hillenbrand and Batesville Casket. During the course of his career, Ken has had senior responsibilities in sales, marketing, human resources, manufacturing and logistics. From 1972 to 1978, Ken served his country as a commissioned officer and aviator in the United States Army.

The Hillenbrand companies have been a premier example of corporate success in Indiana by developing and producing innovative products in the funeral services, and process equipment industries. Ken's hard work and leadership within the company has been vital to that success.

Ken soon will retire from his duties leading this dynamic Hoosier company. I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in thanking Ken for his long career and service to both his business and community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,932,605,798,305. We've added \$6,305,728,749,392 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF  
MARION ALICE FALKNER GASH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Marion Alice Falkner Gash, who passed away on July 31, 2013, two weeks before her 100th birthday. She had an exceptional spirit with an "I-can-do-it" attitude. Marion inspired others through her military service, professional achievements, excellence in teaching, support of her community, and devotion to family and friends.

Marion Alice Falkner was born at her family's Germania Farm in Yazoo County, Mississippi on August 14, 1913. She was born to Marion and Minniealice Falkner and was the eldest of seven children. Marion graduated from Hinds Junior College in Raymond, Mississippi and continued onto Maryville College in Tennessee to obtain her teaching credential. After graduation, Marion taught for six years in Bentonia, Mississippi. In 1940, she moved to New Orleans to attend Soule Business College and worked for attorney John Minor Wisdom who later became a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Shortly after Congress declared war, Marion moved to Washington, D.C. to serve her country. She worked at the Pentagon in the Office of the Budget of the War Department. In 1943, she joined the Navy WAVES and rose to the rank of Lieutenant J.G., serving as the Administrative Officer to Admiral W.K. Romoser, Commander of the Naval Training School in Hollywood, Florida.

In 1946, Marion married Navy Lt. Russell Warner Gash, and they raised two sons, Frank and Warner. At the time, Navy policy did not allow female officers to have children so Marion reluctantly resigned her commission and assumed the role of navy wife for the rest of Russell's naval career. Over the next 15 years, the family moved to eight duty stations in six different states and Cuba. In 1961, the family settled in Fresno, California, and Mrs. Gash returned to teaching.

Mrs. Gash taught English and speech, directed plays, coached debate teams, and established a forensics program at Central Union High School. While working full time, she earned her Master's degree in education at California State University, Fresno in 1967. After retiring in 1978, she continued to volunteer in school, church, military, veterans and community activities. Mrs. Gash was a great teacher who positively affected the lives of thousands of students.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Marion Alice Falkner Gash, a veteran of World War II and a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher, and friend.

TRIBUTE TO THE JORDAN FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the birth of James Jordan in Jackson County, Georgia on August 15, 1837 began the Jordan family lineage which has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, through the union of James and Dicey Shields Jordan (1858), Summie, John, James, Hilliard (Hill), Mary, Woodie, Henry Arthur, Babe, Alice and Emma were born; In 1885, James was united in marriage to his second wife Nancy Polk Jordan wherein, Bertha, Gilbert, Luther, Pledger, Judson and Lucy were born. The Jordan Family has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jordan Family are pillars of strength that have touched many throughout our nation, family members of the past and present such as Mrs. Janice Anderson Edwards, Rev. Frankie Jordan, Rev. Darrell White, Mrs. Evelyn Boynton, Miss Beverly Gray, Mrs. Annie Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Martha Ann Whitlock, Mr. Jerome Anderson, Mr. Summie Jordan, Ms. Rheba Brackery, Miss Rasheedah Carter, Ms. Vel Ford and Mrs. Ollie Brooks; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Jordan family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Jordan family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Jordan family; Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 28, 2013 as Jordan Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 28th day of June, 2013.

#### IN HONOR OF JOE DUARTE

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise in honor of Joe Duarte, who passed away on July 23 in Sacramento, at the age of 84. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Duarte as his family and friends gather to celebrate his life and legacy.

Mr. Duarte, a former Merchant Marine, devoted his life to helping our community. A life-long athlete who played professional baseball with the St. Louis Browns, Mr. Duarte was committed to promoting recreational and academic activities for the youth of Sacramento. As a member of the Greater Sacramento Evening Optimist Club, in 1971 Mr. Duarte founded the Optimist All-Star baseball, basketball, and football games. He organized the best high school seniors from the Greater Sacramento area into teams to participate in these games. Not stopping with baseball, basketball, and football, Mr. Duarte also organized girls softball and volleyball games.

Mr. Duarte created and organized the Youth Appreciation Night for Students from more

than ten schools, which for over 20 years has recognized students who excel in academic, athletics and community service. In 2005, he created the Respect for Law program which honors seniors from the Criminal Justice Academies at Grant Union, John F. Kennedy, Hiram Johnson, and C. K. McClatchy high schools at a banquet which included their parents and Sacramento law enforcement officers.

Mr. Duarte's honors include inductions into the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Hall of Fame in 1975, the Greater Sacramento Softball Association Hall of Fame, and the La-Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in paying honor to Joe Duarte for being an exemplary member of the Sacramento community. His life and commitment to our community is an inspiration to us all. The Greater Sacramento area has lost a true citizen of the community who always put service above self. I ask that we take a moment and give our utmost respect and condolences to his wife, Phyllis, and their three children.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF KENNETH ABRAHAMIAN

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Kenneth Abrahamian as he receives his World War II (WWII) Medals. He is the recipient of the Philippine Liberation Medal, WWII Victory Medal, WWII Asiatic Pacific Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, and American Campaign Medal. Mr. Abrahamian is a source of pride for our Central Valley and our entire nation.

Mr. Abrahamian grew up in the Valley and graduated from Central High School in 1941. Following his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy to serve his country in WWII. He served honorably and proudly from 1942 to 1946. Mr. Abrahamian was stationed in the Pacific as a machinist mate aboard the USS *Spangler* and the USS *Ajax*.

Mr. Abrahamian married Isabelle Zadurian at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Fresno, California. They have three children; Jeanette, Patricia, and Kenneth, daughter-in-law, Sue, and two grandchildren; Kenneth Andrew and Allyson Marie.

The Abrahamians have spent their entire lives in the Rolinda area, a small unincorporated community in Fresno County. They farmed raisins, almonds, alfalfa, barley, black-eyed peas, broccoli, corn, cotton, oats, onions, sugar beets, turkeys, and wheat. Mr. Abrahamian truly understands the importance of hard work and he has shown that through his labor on the farm and service in the military. As a resident of the Rolinda area, Mr. Abrahamian is known to be a great neighbor and friend.

Staying involved and supporting the community has always been very important to Mr. Abrahamian. He is an active member of his church, and he always participates in the annual Rolinda Charity BBQ. Mr. Abrahamian's spirit and drive keep him going every day. A couple months short of 90 years old, Mr.

Abrahamian is still out on his farm daily. He is an inspiration for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Mr. Kenneth Abrahamian. He truly is a shining example of a proud American, and we must thank him for his service to our country.

#### STATEMENT ON 30 YEARS OF OUT- STANDING SERVICE OF COUNCIL- MAN ALBERT VANN

#### HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Councilman Albert Vann. During his years of service, Councilman Vann has helped thousands and worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all those he encountered. In celebration of his 30 years of outstanding service, Councilman Vann was honored on May 9, 2013, at Boys and Girls High School in Brooklyn, NY, where the library was renamed in his honor.

As both a teacher and elected official, Councilman Vann has served the people of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, the community in which he was born and raised. Councilman Vann graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School and went on to earn his B.B.A. from Toledo University, his Master's Degree in Education from Yeshiva University, and his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University. He served as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. Prior to being elected to public office, Councilman Vann taught at PS 256, JHS 35, and JHS 271 in Brooklyn, NY.

Councilman Vann served in the New York State Assembly from 1974–2001. Throughout these years, he continually and fervently represented the needs of his constituents. As Chairman of the New York State Black & Puerto Rican Caucus, he worked to prevent racial gerrymandering of the New York City Council. In 1982 he filed a lawsuit that increased the representation of communities of color—this landmark victory led to the creation of two additional Congressional Districts, three additional State Senate Districts, and six additional State Assembly Districts that represented communities of color in New York State.

In 2001, Mr. Vann was elected to the New York City Council. He has done a tremendous job as Chair of the Council's Committee on Community Development, where he has addressed poverty, foreclosures, and predatory equity. While in the New York City Council, Councilman Vann founded the 36th Council District Katrina Relief Effort, the Black Brooklyn Empowerment Convention, and New York City Works, which strives to reduce the disproportionately high unemployment rate in Black and Latino communities.

Recognizing the importance of empowering residents to improve their communities, he created several taskforces including: Education Taskforce; Senior Taskforce; Community Safety Taskforce; Youth Taskforce; and the Coalition for the Improvement of Bedford-Stuyvesant. Through his leadership with the Council's HIV/AIDS Faith-Based Initiative, Councilman Vann has improved HIV/AIDS

prevention outreach throughout New York City. Councilman Vann's vision led to the co-naming of Fulton Street as Harriet Ross Tubman Avenue and New York State's recognition of Harriet Tubman Day.

Councilman Vann has truly been a trailblazer, whose positive influence will have an everlasting effect on the community. His record of achievement would not have been possible without the love and support of his wife, Mildred Vann, their four children and eight grandchildren. We thank his family for sharing him with us all. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Councilman Vann on his 30 years of outstanding service. For his commitment to the people of Brooklyn, he is worthy of the highest praise.

#### TRIBUTE TO JORDAN AND SYLVIA WEDLOWE

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, the union of Jordan and Sylvia Wedlowe in Twiggs County, Georgia in the 1800's began the Wedlowe family lineage which has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Wedlowe Family has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Wedlowe family are pillars of strength that have touched many throughout our nation, family members of the past and present; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Wedlowe family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Wedlowe family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Wedlowe family;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 29, 2013 as Wedlowe Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 29th day of June, 2013.

#### IN MEMORY OF SEAN FRANKLIN SASSER

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sean Franklin Sasser. Sean was an educator and an activist, and dedicated his life to speaking out about HIV/AIDS. Sadly, Sean passed away on Au-

gust 7th, 2013 at the age of 44 after a short battle with Mesothelioma.

Sean was diagnosed with HIV in 1988 when he went to enlist in the Navy, and lived for 25 years with the disease. As a young black homosexual man living with HIV, Sean organized support for the HIV/AIDS community. He was active in Bay Positives, an organization established in 1990 as the first peer-run agency in the world for young people living with HIV/AIDS. In 1993, he was photographed by celebrated American photographer Annie Leibovitz as part of one of the first public awareness campaigns about HIV, organized by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

In 1993, Sean met Pedro Zamora, who gained fame as part of the cast of MTV Real World, San Francisco. Sean and Pedro's on-air relationship and marriage was thrown into the national spotlight, bringing international attention and putting a human face to the realities of HIV/AIDS. Though Sean's on-air presence was short, the impact of their televised relationship was great, and after Pedro's tragic death from AIDS at the age of 22, Sean went on to become an even greater advocate for the HIV/AIDS community.

Throughout his life, Sean travelled across the country to educate others about HIV/AIDS and living with the disease. He spoke at colleges, universities, and many organizations including the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the Human Rights Campaign, Health Initiatives for Youth, and the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families. Sean was also a celebrated pastry chef, and just last May could be found making homemade ice cream at RIS restaurant in Washington D.C.

Mr. Speaker, this week we lost a great voice for the HIV/AIDS community. There are approximately 50,000 new HIV infections every year, and only through education, public awareness and community outreach can we prevent the spread of the HIV virus. Sean used his voice to bring attention to the HIV community, and as we pay tribute to his life, we must also continue his efforts. One day at a time, we move closer to an AIDS-free generation.

I offer my heartfelt condolences to Sean's family and his partner Michael. Undoubtedly, Sean touched the lives of countless friends and strangers alike. He leaves behind a legacy of activism, bravery, and service to the HIV community. He will be dearly missed.

#### HONORING THE COURAGEOUS ACTIONS OF SIX INDIVIDUALS

#### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courageous actions of four young individuals, and two members of the Aurora Police Department, Sergeants Dan Eppard and Rick Ahlgren. With great valor and heroism, all six individuals, including Sergeants Eppard and Ahlgren risked their lives to save those of others who were trapped in a dam while rafting on the Vermillion River near Oglesby, Illinois.

On June 28, 2013, a 45 year-old man and his 10 year-old son were rafting on the river

when they became trapped in a dam. After forty minutes had elapsed, four boys on a second raft came across the two individuals, and demonstrated immense bravery in attempting to rescue them. After successfully bringing the 10 year-old boy aboard the second raft, they unfortunately became caught in the damn, trapping all five boys. The 45 year-old man was able to escape the dam, swim to shore, and dial 9-1-1.

At this same time, off-duty Sergeants Eppard and Ahlgren were kayaking down the river, and in an act of great courage rescued all five boys, whose ages ranged from 10 to 14. Sgt. Eppard has a history of heroism, having once rescued a woman at the exact same dam in 2009.

The selfless heroism of these extraordinary people serves as an example to us all. These individuals put their own lives in harm's way for the well-being of others. While the 10 year-old boy was treated for hypothermia, no one else was injured in an event that could have ended in tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these brave individuals for their courageous acts and altruistic service.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. GRACIE G. SIMPSON'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a beloved role model and gracious woman of faith, Mrs. Gracie G. Simpson. On Sunday, September 1, 2013, Mrs. Simpson was honored by her family and friends at a birthday celebration at the Howard Community Club in Macon, Georgia.

Gracie Mae Peck was born on August 29, 1928, in Macon, Georgia, to the late Willie B. Peck and the late Claire Mae Fulton. She was the second child, with one older sister, one younger sister, and two younger brothers, all of whom are now deceased.

Back in the days when she was young, many children did not have the opportunity to complete school and had to begin working at a young age. For 43 years of her life, Mrs. Simpson worked at Tom's Foods, Inc., known to many as "the candy company." However, she was able to return to school to take computer classes before retiring.

Mrs. Simpson was married to J. Z. Simpson, Sr., for 54 years until his death in October of 2008. She has three sons, Donald Gibson, Jr., Zebbie Simpson, and Michael Simpson, and one daughter, Jan Simpson Walker.

She has eight grandchildren: Donald, Eunice, Christen, Jerome, Marcus, Marvin, Keisha, and Keliya. She also has six great-grandchildren: Grace, Hannah, Abigail, Katelynn, DJ, and Christian.

Mrs. Simpson has achieved numerous successes in her life, but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of her adoring family. Voted "Reigning Queen" at Pearl Stephens Village Senior Apartments, she enjoys fishing and going on walks. She loves spending time with her family and is a great cook. She makes a mean sweet potato pie and a delicious peach cobbler. She is full of life and spunk and her family knows very

well that “if you don’t want to hear the truth, don’t ask her a question.”

Most important to Mrs. Simpson is her sturdy and enduring relationship with the Lord. She has been a member of Greater Little Rock Baptist Church for over 60 years. She has served on the Mother Board Association, Choir, Deaconesses, Food Bank, Women of Flow Ministry, and Kitchen Ministry.

The race of life isn’t given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mrs. Simpson has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed her over her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Simpson for her 85 fruitful and productive years of life.

RUBY MARIE SINGS LANGFORD  
JOHNSON

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction: Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Mrs. Ruby Marie Sings Langford Johnson’s work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, the elderly, the poor and ordinary citizens like you and me; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; she never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, she just wanted to do what was right; and

Whereas, Mrs. Johnson led by doing behind the scenes, front and center for the state of Georgia, DeKalb County, her church, Beulah Baptist Church and for the DeKalb County chapter of the NAACP; this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, grandmother, a daughter and a friend; she was our warrior, our matriarch, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community until her end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Mrs. Ruby Marie Sings Langford Johnson for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mrs. Ruby Marie Sings Langford Johnson of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this “Congressional Honor” Mrs. Ruby Marie Sings Langford Johnson U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 28th day of June, 2013.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ARIZONA  
STATE UNIVERSITY BIODESIGN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arizona State University president Dr. Michael Crow on the impressive progress that ASU has made since Dr. Crow began leading there in 2002. I would like to recognize the Arizona State University Biodesign Institute, which I was able to visit and tour on July 11th.

The Biodesign Institute is an outstanding example of success in transdisciplinary research, with the Institute’s technologies and fields of research coming together to address national and global challenges with “bio-inspired” solutions in: new vaccine discovery and delivery; early detection and treatment of cancer and infectious diseases; techniques for detecting and removing contaminants from air and water and the application of nanotechnology for biomedicine and electronics.

Arizona State University Biodesign researchers generate an average of 50 invention disclosures and patents annually and have fostered more than a dozen spinout, startup companies. In 2009, the institute won Arizona’s “Excellence in Economic Development Award” for its innovative contributions to the state’s economic growth.

The Biodesign Institute embodies the guiding principles of the New American University, as defined by Arizona State University President Michael Crow. ASU is a comprehensive metropolitan university that has become the largest in the U.S. and recently ranked among elite 100 world universities. ASU ranked #17 in the country for research expenditures at a university without a medical school. The Wall Street Journal asked corporate recruiters which schools produced the best qualified graduates in the country and they ranked ASU #5. There has been significant progress at ASU.

Congratulations to Dr. Crow and to the Arizona State University Biodesign Institute for successfully fusing intellectual disciplines to conduct use-inspired and impactful research which are advancing our country’s technology development and economy.

HONORING FATHER MICHAEL  
O’MARA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute a remarkable Hoosier, Father Michael O’Mara. Father O’Mara is a true leader in his community and the Hoosier state. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for his leadership and service to his country, his community, and the State of Indiana.

Father O’Mara grew up in Greensburg, Indiana and was ordained on June 18, 1988 in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Indianapolis. Father O’Mara has served dutifully to the church for many years and presided over

many congregations over the years. He was appointed as pastor of St. Pius X in Indianapolis in 1990. From 1993 to 1999, he was appointed as pastor and/or co-pastor for the parishes of St. Philip, St. Bernadette, St. Patrick, and St. Mary all in Indianapolis as well as the St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, Indiana. Since then, Father O’Mara has been reappointed as pastor to St. Mary in 2004 and 2011. On July 3, 2013, he was appointed as pastor to the St. Gabriel Parish in Indianapolis.

The commitment that Father O’Mara has made has not stopped at serving the church, but to the community as well. He has also been greatly involved with the Hispanic community in Indianapolis. He immersed himself in the Spanish language and took classes through Indiana University in order to become bilingual so that he could preach to all members of the congregation.

He has committed his life to the church and has served the church for 25 years now. That kind of commitment is not made lightly. Committing your life to the church is one of the greatest sacrifices a person can make and Father O’Mara had to have put in a lot of time, thought, and prayer before deciding to commit himself fully to the church.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE  
OF AN ORGANIZED WORKFORCE  
AND LABOR UNIONS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of an organized workforce, and the critical role that labor unions play in the building of a robust and diverse economy. The United States has benefitted greatly from the labor movement, and protecting workers’ rights is more important now than ever before, particularly for African Americans.

Labor unions have provided a range of benefits for working men and women throughout our history, many of which we take for granted as being a normal part of life in the workplace. Simple concepts such as weekends and paid vacation time are thanks to the efforts of labor unions. More complex protections such as workplace safety standards and anti-discrimination laws also are the result of an organized and informed workforce coming together to resist unfair demands by employers.

Within the African American community, labor unions have provided a pathway to greater income equality and fairness in the workplace. While African American union workers can earn up to \$10,000 or 31 percent more than non-union members, workers across all races enjoy better wages when they are a member of a union. More simply, organized labor enables fair wages, safe working conditions, and equality in the workplace.

Mr. Speaker, as our economy continues its recovery, it is important that we preserve a sense of decency and respect among our workers. Fifty years ago, the March on Washington was as much a civil rights movement as it was a labor movement. Labor unions have fought to protect working men and women across all races, and I encourage my colleagues to continue this legacy by standing



up for the rights of all working men and women across our great nation.

#### HONORING MONICA NINO

#### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Monica Nino, former Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer, and to thank her for her leadership and dedication to the citizens of Stanislaus County.

After 25 years of devoted service to Stanislaus County, she is now San Joaquin County's new Chief Executive Officer. In her short 18 months as CEO for Stanislaus County, Nino proved herself a very competent executive, providing the thorough information needed for the five elected supervisors to make good decisions, especially on budget matters.

Ms. Nino was born and raised in Stanislaus County. She earned her Associate's degree from Modesto Junior College, her Bachelor's degree in Accounting from California State University, Fresno and her Master's degree in Public Administration from California State University, Stanislaus.

In 1988, Monica started as an accountant in the Stanislaus County's Auditor-Controller's Office. She joined the executive office in 1991. She helped oversee the budget during heavy cuts to deal with reduced income resulting from the housing crash of the past half-decade and related economic woes.

Ms. Nino was appointed Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer in January 2012. Prior to her appointment as CEO for Stanislaus County, she had held the position of Assistant Executive Officer with Stanislaus County since 2005. Nino is the first woman and first Latina to hold the permanent post.

As Chief Executive Officer with Stanislaus County, under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Nino oversaw all aspects of Stanislaus County government, which included 26 County departments, an operating budget of \$891 million, and over 3,700 employees.

Ms. Nino also sat on the Stanislaus County Animal Services Agency, Joint Powers Agency, Stanislaus Regional 911, and Doctors Medical Center Governing Board.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Monica Nino, former Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer, for her numerous years of selfless service to the betterment of our community.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DONOHO SCHOOL

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to honor an extraordinary college preparatory school in my district. The Donoho School, founded in 1963, will celebrate its 50th anniversary this month.

The Donoho School was founded in 1963 as a secondary school and was called the Anniston Academy. In 1976, the name was changed to The Donoho School in recognition of Mrs. Harriet Wallis Donoho, a founder of the school. The Lower Division of the school was founded as The Episcopal Day School in 1961 as an independent elementary school. Housed originally in the facilities of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, the school moved into Grace Episcopal Church in 1967. In 1976, The Episcopal Day School merged with The Donoho School and became the Lower Division.

The Donoho School currently enrolls more than 400 students in Pre-K through 12th grade. It is an active member of the Alabama Association of Independent Schools, Alabama High School Athletic Association, College Board, National Association for College Admission Counseling, National Association of Independent Schools, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Honor Society and Southern Association of Independent Schools. The school will celebrate its 50th anniversary with an awards ceremony on September 16th.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating The Donoho School's achievements and thanking them for their dedication to providing Anniston's children with a quality education.

#### CONGRATULATING CHAD RUSSELL

#### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate Turlock High School Agriculture Department Chair Chad Russell, upon being awarded the "Instructor Sweepstakes Award" by the California State Fair for a fifth year. This award is a tribute to Mr. Russell's professional accomplishments in the field of education, as well as his dedicated commitment to his students and the art of welding.

Chad Allen Russell was born on May 23, 1982, in Turlock, CA to Bev and Tom Russell. He grew up in Turlock, CA, the second largest city in Stanislaus County, which has a population of 68,549. It is home to California State University, Stanislaus, and has earned the title "Heart of the Valley" for its extensive agricultural production.

As a child, Mr. Russell attended Mt. View-Chatom Schools and from 1996–2000 Mr. Russell was a standout FFA student at Turlock High School, mentored by several renowned agriculture instructors including Dale Pollard, Joe Digrazia, and Lori Marchy. While at THS, Mr. Russell was an active participant in FFA and distinguished himself by winning several awards including the State FFA Star Agribusinessman Award and, in his senior year, Outstanding Project at the CA State Fair.

Mr. Russell's facility with welding led him after high school to a job in that industry, where he worked for three years. Although Mr. Russell's salary as a welder was nearly double what a teacher earns, he felt called to this new profession and moved back to Turlock to begin attending Modesto Junior College, where he earned an A.A. degree in Agriculture. After MJC, Mr. Russell transferred to

California State University, Fresno, where he majored in Ag Mechanics. While at Fresno State, Mr. Russell subcontracted for GEA Niro, who flew him around the country on weekends to weld.

With degree in hand, Mr. Russell was hired by Turlock Unified School District in 2006 as a part-time ROP welding instructor and eventually worked his way into a full-time position as an Agriculture teacher. Alice Pollard, former Principal of Adult and Career Education at Turlock Unified School District has praised Mr. Russell's devotion to his students, "Chad selflessly gives up his weekends, his spring and winter breaks, as well as spending more hours than you want to know during the summer helping his students." Cindy Young, Director of Yosemite ROP in Stanislaus County, relayed her awe at his commitment to his students, "When I visit his classroom, I see more than a classroom, I see a business. His students are involved and engaged. They are committed to excellence. They are respectful and he is respectful of them. Mr. Russell is building tomorrow's workforce."

It didn't take long after starting his career at THS for Mr. Russell to make a reputation as one of the foremost Ag Mechanics instructors in the State as his students began to win award after award at the Stanislaus County and California State fairs. In 2009, Dominic Agresti-Assali, one of Mr. Russell's stand-out welding students, custom-made two 54 foot almond trailers that went on to win 1st place in the State Ag Mechanics over-\$10,000 division, earning Best in Division and Best in Show honors along with two other corporately-sponsored awards.

That same year, eight other THS students earned first place and Best of Show honors at the State Fair. Most recently, in 2013, Mr. Russell earned his 5th Instructor Sweepstakes award at the State Fair based on his students' outstanding performance and THS junior Trey Smith won a Golden Bear Award, the fair's highest honor. Mr. Russell's students are highly sought after for welding jobs at local businesses due to the reputation he has established in the community as a result of his students' extensive accomplishments.

Based in part on his students' numerous accomplishments and his own stellar record as a welding instructor, Mr. Russell was recently awarded the Yosemite Regional Occupation Program (YROP) Teacher of the Year award from Stanislaus County Office of Education. ROP is a program designed to prepare students for a career by providing a wide variety of specialized career education programs for high school students. The goal is for students to develop marketable skills, abilities, attitudes and work habits so that they can secure jobs, upgrade skills, and prepare for advanced careers.

For the past five years, Mr. Russell has served as the Department Chair of the THS Agriculture Department and has overseen its expansion to five teachers. He has been instrumental in helping to secure University of California approval for many of the agriculture courses at THS, allowing students to participate in a Career Technical Education program while maintaining four-year college eligibility. Mr. Russell's long-term plans are to pursue a Master's in Agriculture and continue to build the THS Agriculture Department into one of the premiere programs in the State. With his outstanding commitment to THS students and

passion for Agriculture, it is only a matter of time before this dream becomes a reality.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Chad Russell for his hard work and dedicated service at Turlock High School, and congratulating him upon receiving the California State Fair "Instructor Sweepstakes Award" not once but five times.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARKY  
MARKHAM

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Arky Markham of Northampton, Massachusetts.

Ms. Markham has dedicated her entire life and professional career to a simple pursuit: helping those in need, and giving a voice to the voiceless.

As a social worker, she has spent a career protecting and promoting the human rights of vulnerable populations, including war veterans, and those without healthcare.

As a political activist, she has stood up time and again for the causes that matter to her, demonstrating against nuclear weapons, and leading her community for peace, and against wars.

Ms. Markham has routinely volunteered and founded groups on behalf of social justice causes, including the American Friends Service Committee, where she was a co-organizer and chief fundraiser for the first Martin Luther King celebration in Northampton; Social Workers for Peace and Justice; The Middle East Peace Coalition; the Franklin/Hampshire Health Care Coalition which later helped to form Mass-Care, a state-wide organization that continues to advocate for single-payer health care; the Northampton Bill of Rights Defense Committee and the Alliance for Peace and Justice.

As Ms. Markham's community, friends, and colleagues gather this month to celebrate her 98th birthday and her life's work of 'doing good,' I ask that the House of Representatives join me in honoring a true champion of human rights.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD E.  
HARTMAN, SR.

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of a remarkable individual, Donald E. Hartman, Sr., who passed away on August 15, 2013. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for his leadership and service to the state of Indiana.

Throughout his life Mr. Hartman served our country and Indiana with honor. He joined the U.S. Army in 1965 as a member of the military police and served overseas in Heidelberg, Germany. He then gave 26 years to the Indiana State Police. During his career he was recognized numerous times for his dedication

to public safety and in 1996 was awarded the Indiana State Police's highest honor, the Gold Star Award for Valor, after saving a woman from a burning vehicle on I-65.

Upon retirement from the police force, Mr. Hartman continued to offer his time and energy to the people of Indiana. He was elected as Sheriff of Newton County and began his first term in 2007, a position he still held at the time of his passing. He was a selfless, respectful, and gracious leader, always putting the people and department before himself and working to provide the best service and safety possible to Newton County residents.

On and off the job, Mr. Hartman was invested in Indiana. He was the Vice-President of the Newton County Fair Board and the President of the Newton County 4-H Council. In his youth, he was an active member of 4-H as well as Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Hartman was a true family man who is survived by Teri, his loving wife of 41 years, three children, his mother, and his brother. Mr. Donald E. Hartman, Sr. was a man committed to his family, his community, and his country. America is a better nation because of Mr. Hartman. He will be truly missed. Thank you for all you have given to this country and the state of Indiana. Rest in peace, Mr. Hartman.

ACKNOWLEDGING WILLIAM "BILL"  
BASSITT

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor William "Bill" Bassitt, President and CEO of the Stanislaus Economic Development and Workforce Alliance on his retirement and to thank him for his dedicated, life-long spirit of community service.

Bill Bassitt holds a Bachelor's Degree from Xavier University and a Master's Degree from Bowling Green State University. He has also completed course work in economic development at the University of Oklahoma and was a graduate of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organizational Management from the University of Delaware, as well as the Center for Creative Management. He is a member of numerous professional organizations and has been the keynote speaker at many local, state, regional, and national conferences.

Since 2002, Mr. Bassitt has held the position of President and CEO of the Stanislaus Economic Development and Workforce Alliance. As CEO, Bill Bassitt conducted three private sector fundraising campaigns to provide private sector funding to support the operations of the Alliance. Under his direction, the Stanislaus Economic Development and Workforce Alliance has been successful in bringing public and private sector leaders together to breed change, address systemic issues and market Stanislaus County as a place to do business.

With 28 years experience in the Chamber of Commerce and economic development management in four states, Bill Bassitt has had an exceptional impact on the community. His career includes several years in the international business arena, working in over 24 countries, covering four continents, developing reciprocal trade agreements and seeking to bring direct

foreign investment and corporate operations to the United States.

Bassitt previously served as Senior Vice President of the Detroit Regional Chamber and Executive Director of the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership, where he built a large regional organization. In addition, he led numerous highly successful marketing missions involving complex interaction and negotiations with international business and government leaders. Adding to his list of accomplishments is the development and marketing of several business parks.

After working for over 30 years in economic development in 25 countries and on four continents, and leading six separate economic development organizations, Bill Bassitt and his wife Nancy, will relocate to their home in Ohio. Married for 45 years, they have four children and 7 grandchildren, which they look forward to spending more time with in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Alliance CEO Bill Bassitt on his retirement and in thanking him for his exemplary leadership and service to the community.

HONORING BOBBY E. COLLINS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bobby E. Collins, the newly appointed Postmaster for the Dallas Post Office. In this new position, Mr. Collins will oversee 1,435 employees across 31 stations, managing more than 540,000 deliveries throughout Dallas and its suburbs.

Mr. Collins spent decades refining his career with the U.S. Postal Service, which dates as far back as 1980 when he started as a letter carrier in Houston, Texas. Throughout his career, Mr. Collins advanced quickly within the Postal Service. He served in a number of supervisory roles in various parts of the country such as Texas, Arizona, and Missouri. Today, after devoting 33 years of service to assist the Postal Service with its mission to reliably deliver mail to every corner of our Nation, Mr. Collins takes this new responsibility with much enthusiasm.

The United States Postal Service is an important American institution that is fortunate to have such dedicated employees on board. Mr. Collins has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to the Postal Service and his fellow neighbors through decades of service and this new position will enable Mr. Collins to achieve even more.

Mr. Speaker, as we work together to address the various issues that the Postal Service currently faces, it is important that we recognize the individuals working diligently behind the scenes to keep postal operations running smoothly. I am proud to congratulate Mr. Collins for achieving this milestone in his career, and I have every confidence that he will serve the Dallas area well as Postmaster.

IN HONOR OF DIANNA RUSKOWSKY  
AND HER 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND  
THE WORKFORCE

**HON. JOHN KLINE**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dianna Ruskowsky for her 25 years of dedicated service to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce—and the American people.

In a career spanning the terms of seven Committee Chairmen, Dianna Ruskowsky has distinguished herself as an exemplary steward of Committee resources and a true expert of her craft. She is routinely sought out for guidance and assistance from her colleagues on both sides of the aisle—from fellow Committees to House Leadership offices.

Dianna's contributions take place behind the scenes, but her work does not go unnoticed. Her guidance and advice ensures everyone from our interns to our Staff Director has the knowledge they need to make wise decisions and adhere to the letter of the law.

Dianna's attention to detail and dedication to the successful operation of the Committee are without equal. The American people can rest assured every penny of their tax dollars that flows through the Committee is accounted for and invested in the most efficient manner.

Perhaps even more admirable is Dianna's own investment in the lives of the many young staffers she has taken under her wing over the years. Dianna routinely goes out of her way to help new staff members feel welcome and at home in our Committee family.

Our Committee could—quite literally—not run without Dianna's service, and we continue to be grateful for all she does.

ACKNOWLEDGING DR. CHERYL  
DOMENICHELLI

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate John C. Kimball High School Principal Dr. Cheryl Domenichelli, upon being named the Association of California School Administrators' 2012 Secondary Principal of the Year. This award is a tribute to Dr. Domenichelli's professional accomplishments in the field of education, especially since the recognition is from her peers.

Dr. Cheryl Alexander Domenichelli was born on September 26 in San Francisco, California. She obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Design, from John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, California. She continued her education by earning her Teaching Credential with and emphasis in Art and Introductory Science and Secondary Education and Teaching at California State University, East Bay and a Masters of Education, Educational Leadership and Administration at Saint Mary's College of California. Finally, she completed her education with a Doctorate in Education, Educational Leadership at the University of California Berkeley.

Dr. Domenichelli started her first job in 1978 at GTE Lenkurt in San Carlos, California. She began her teaching career in 1995 as a Teacher of Art and Sciences at Deer Valley High School in Antioch, California. She was a teacher until 2003, when she was named as Vice Principal. In 2008, she accepted the position of Principal at John C. Kimball High School in Tracy, California, where she continues today.

Dr. Domenichelli has received numerous awards, including the Association of California School Administrators/State of California High School Principal of the Year 2012, the 2001–2002 Internet Institute Award from the National Semiconductor Corporation, and the 1994 Parent Teacher Association/Honorary Service Award.

She is a proud member of the Association of California School Administrators, where she is a Regional Representative to the Equity, Achievement and Diversity for Success Committee. Dr. Domenichelli's memberships also include the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Phi Delta Kappa International, Contra Costa County Chapter 1072.

In addition, she has served her community as a member of the following organizations: Parent Teacher Student Association/Principal; University of the Pacific, Beyond our Gates Advisory Board; Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated/Lifetime Associate; and Parent Teachers Association/Ways and Means Committee Chair 1994.

Cheryl has been married to her husband of 29 years, Ronald Domenichelli and they have two beautiful daughters Angelica Dominique Domenichelli and Vanessa Marie Domenichelli.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Cheryl Domenichelli upon receiving the 2012 Secondary Principal of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators. This is an outstanding honor and one for which the community should be quite proud.

HONORING JERRY AND ANN  
KIVETT

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute a remarkable Hoosier, Jerry Kivett. Jerry is a true leader in his community and the Hoosier state. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for his leadership and service to his country, his community, and the State of Indiana.

Jerry grew up on the family farm owned by his parents, Hugh C. and Martha Kivett, in Hall, Indiana. Jerry attended Martinsville High School and graduated in 1948. He participated in sports and today is still a sports enthusiast. Jerry worked the family farm with his brother, Jack, and father, Hugh, during much of his younger years and was a natural farmer as many generations of Kivetts were farmers.

It was during a youth event in the basement of the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church in Hall that his eyes met those of Mary Ward of Monrovia. It was love at first sight and today this love has lasted 65 years. Jerry and Mary bought a farm of their own in Hall and have

resided over it for over sixty years. They still attend Mt. Pleasant Church and are the fifth or sixth generation of Kivetts to do so.

To this union were born Steve, who is a vicar for the Church of England, and has resided in England with his wife, Ann, for nearly 40 years. Jerry's son, Rick, resides in Martinsville with his wife, Vickie, and they both work in their county government. Jerry's daughter, Jill Kivett, resides in Rensselaer and is a teacher at North Newton High School. Jerry's son, Monte, resides in Camby with his wife, Lisa, and was Chief Deputy Prosecutor for Morgan County. Life has continued to bless Jerry and Mary Kivett with seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Jerry worked at the IBM in Greencastle and worked nights in order to either coach or attend his children's sporting events, rarely missing any of them. Mary spent over twenty years in the Morgan County Clerk's Office. They have done some traveling to England and stateside over the years and still enjoy vacationing. They are members of the Hall Civic Association and are lifelong Republicans. As parents and grandparents they have been excellent role models in family values. They have shared years of watching sports on all levels together and can quote you names, teams, statistics, and even have long ago forgotten.

HONORING JIM MCCASLAND

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jim McCasland, recipient of the 2013 Heroes of Labor Award by Dallas American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO). Mr. McCasland recently retired as the Executive Secretary of the Dallas AFL–CIO, but his contributions to the Dallas labor community will forever stand proud. During his career which spanned over four decades, Mr. McCasland was widely recognized for his steadfast commitment to many Dallas area and national organizations.

Mr. McCasland has been a member of Communications Workers of America since 1969, where he was both a job steward and a chief steward. He also served on the community services committee, public relations committee, and the legislative committee. Mr. McCasland joined the Central Labor Council (CLC) in 1981 and was elected to be the CLC Vice President in 1983. He also proudly served as the Picket Chairman on two occasions. In 1984, Mr. McCasland was elected the State AFL–CIO Vice President from District 7.

Mr. McCasland was also active in the Dallas County Democratic Party serving on multiple committees on different occasions. In 1992, Mr. McCasland was on Bill Clinton's Dallas County steering committee and was previously on the steering committees for Michael Dukakis and Mark White. He also served as a delegate to numerous precinct conventions and State Democratic conventions.

Mr. McCasland served on the Board of Directors for both the United Way and the Dallas County Red Cross. In 1987 Mr. McCasland

was the Labor Chair of the Muscular Dystrophy campaign. Mr. McCasland's leadership and dedication to the community have made an impact on the Dallas area and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCasland deserves great recognition for his service to our community, as he is a true hero of labor.

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CELEBRATING LABOR LEADER  
LEROY KING'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished San Francisco labor leader, a civil rights activist, and my dear friend, Leroy King, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

Committed to the principles of equality and justice for all people, King has been a fierce advocate for San Franciscans through his union, through city and state government, and through church and community groups. Today, I am proud to honor his decades of work to

achieve social justice and a better life for working families in San Francisco.

King served as Northern Regional Director of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) for more than 30 years. He became a member of ILWU Local 6 in 1946 and later led a coalition of members to overturn a discriminatory system that elected only whites to union office. He dedicated years to helping create a fully inclusive, integrated workforce.

King's fire and passion for action in support of his beliefs has never dimmed. While in his 80s, he was arrested for staging an act of civil disobedience with hotel and restaurant workers who were fighting to improve working conditions. He also joined San Francisco teachers and education support professionals when they occupied the offices of the City's Board of Education to dramatize the unmet needs of students.

King was instrumental in the union's creation of the St. Francis Square Cooperative Housing development, which opened in 1963 in the Fillmore District and was a national model for creating racially-integrated housing for working families. King and his family moved into St. Francis Square when it opened, and he continues to live there today.

A staunch supporter of civil rights champion Cesar Chavez, King is often credited for bringing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the Bay area for a civil rights rally in 1967. In 2009, the National Education Association honored King with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award for promoting peace and advancing social and economic justice by embodying King's inclusive leadership and nonviolent philosophy.

As a long-time civic and public affairs leader, Mr. King served on the San Francisco Redevelopment Commission for over 30 years. As Commissioner, he fought to preserve the African-American and Japanese-American heritage of the Fillmore District.

With great pride, I designated him as my appointee to California's Electoral College. On December 15, 2008, he cast my official vote for Barack Obama as the first African American President of the United States.

From his courageous service in World War II to his extraordinary dedication to the City of San Francisco and the State of California, Leroy King is peerless leader will always be a strong and unwavering voice for the voiceless.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## SEPTEMBER 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on examining challenges and achievements and addressing emerging threats.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Leon Wilkins, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, and Beth Labson Freeman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance

To hold hearings to examine assessing the investment climate and improving market access in financial services in India.

SD-538

## SEPTEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine essential elements of housing finance reform.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nisha Desai Biswal, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging

To hold hearings to examine dental crisis in America, focusing on the need to address the cost.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 357, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 113th Congress, and the nominations of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Landya B. McCafferty, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Department of Justice.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

## SEPTEMBER 16

Time to be announced

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

S-216

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

S-216

## SEPTEMBER 18

2 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine older Americans, focusing on the changing face of HIV/AIDS in America.

SD-562

## SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense, Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine wildlife management authority within the State of Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

SD-366

## CANCELLATIONS

## SEPTEMBER 11

2:30 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook.

SD-G50